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WHY was Labour leader Ed Miliband in MK this week?

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GP centre and NHS criticised after OAP dies

- Medical records were never transferred to new GP
- District nurses didn't turn up for appointments
- Coroner calls for changes to stop future deaths

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A SENIOR coroner has written to the NHS and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in a bid to prevent further deaths following the inquest of a 94-year-old woman.

Doris Miller's son Colin has also called for improvements to be made following the debacle of the Willen Village Surgery closure, which led to his mother's new GP at Broughton Gate Health Centre not being able to access her electronic medical records.

Although the inquest was told the failings did not contribute to Mrs Miller's death, senior coroner Tom Osborne said changes were needed to stop people dying from the same problems in the future.

Mr Osborne has written to the Herts and South Midlands NHS team, which covers Milton Keynes, and the CQC about three aspects in particular.

One of those was the failure of district nurses to attend any home appointments with Mrs Miller, despite numerous ones being made by her family because she was afraid of hospitals.

Mr Osborne also wants to see devices known as pulse oximeters installed in every GP practice in Milton Keynes.

He said it was 'incomprehensible' that the piece of kit, which helps detect how much oxygen is in people's blood, was not already in place at practices such as Broughton Gate.

The inquest was also told that Broughton Gate Health Centre still cannot access the electronic medical records of patients transferred from Willen Village Surgery in April and Mr Osborne wants to see steps taken to ensure doctors can access them.

The Practice, which runs the health centre, said it is looking into why it is still struggling to access medical information.

It also told MK NEWS it will be installing pulse oximeters in all of its GP practices.

A statement from The Practice said: "After taking over the care requirements of 2,000 patients from the Willen Village Surgery following its closure, we have faced a few challenges due to this sudden influx of patients.

"The Practice is currently working together with NHS England to ensure patient safety is not compromised."

Mr Miller said: "It's worrying that those records are still not available to doctors now.

"My mother found out about Willen Village Surgery closing the day after it actually shut and I believe more could have been done to forewarn people."

The inquest was told Mrs Miller died on July 2 this year when she began struggling to breathe during an appointment at the health centre.

The Milton Keynes Coroners Court hearing last Tuesday was told she died of congested cardiac failure, as well as frailty and old age. A conclusion of natural causes was given.

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Ed: 'Council has lot to answer for'

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THE leader of the Labour party has said Milton Keynes Council has 'a lot to answer for' with its record on housing.

Ed Miliband was in Milton Keynes on Monday to visit apprentices at the Volkswagen Learning Centre in Wymbush.

But he had his strong words after being shown the front page of last week's MK NEWS, which featured a story about Paul Adams and his young family struggling to cope in their one bedroom bedsit in the city centre.

He said: "Labour has talked very clearly about the action that we would take when it comes to the cost of living crisis. We would abolish the bedroom tax, freeze energy bills and crucially provide that extra housing that is required.

"I think the local council has got a lot to answer for and also why do we have such a high level of people in temporary bed and breakfast accommodation here in Milton Keynes?

"I'm afraid it's a failure of local government and central government."

As previously reported, the council is among the worst in England for 'illegally' housing families in temporary accommodation for more than six weeks.

But its leader, Andrew Geary, hit back at Mr Miliband, saying the Conservative administration was the first to build council houses in more than 13 years.

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Tour: Labour's Ed Miliband speaks to VW apprentice Josh McCann during his tour of the Volkswagen Learning Centre

He said: "I find it a bit rich of Ed Miliband to raise this issue when he was part of a Labour government which, when in charge, did not build one single council house in Milton Keynes.

"We have been having regular discussions with private landlords to improve housing in Milton Keynes."

During Monday's visit to the learning centre, Mr Miliband also spoke of the importance of apprenticeships, and chatted with Holly Pinnell, who was the first female to win Apprentice of the Year at the centre.

Harrods chef is sentenced for sex calls

A HARRODS chef who made repeated sexually-explicit, anonymous phone calls to five female co-workers – leaving them 'extremely frightened and distressed' – was sentenced to a three-year supervision order yesterday.

Married Robert Perez, 31, admitted watching pornography then breathing heavily down the line while playing with himself as he called his colleagues.

But it seems the chef has been forgiven by his wife, as the court was told the couple have renewed their wedding vows since he pleaded guilty.

Perez, of Princes Way, Bletchley, pleaded guilty at Isleworth Crown Court to five counts of stalking, involving serious harm or distress.

When arrested Perez, who is now a pub chef, immediately confessed and told officers: "I admit it was me."

His lawyer John Oliver told the court: "The defendant and his wife have renewed their vows since he pleaded guilty and he supports his partner who no longer works due to pregnancy.

"Mr Perez puts the offences down to the pressure of the marriage soon after his wife's father died and the long hours he worked as a chef."

Judge Martin Edmunds QC banned Perez from entering Harrods for three years under the Protection from Harassment Act.

He was also ordered to pay a £60 victim surcharge and warned future offences could lead to a jail sentence.

Blown away: The force of the explosion at the house in Gairloch Avenue can still be seen

Woman rescued after explosion

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BRAVE neighbours rushed to rescue a woman from the rubble in her house following a gas explosion.

Residents in Gairloch Avenue, Bletchley, described how they heard 'the loudest bang ever' just after 5pm last Tuesday.

James Johnson was one of those who went to investigate what had caused the sound and when he rushed outside without his shoes on he was stunned to find the house next door had been blown away at the front and back.

When other neighbours arrived on the scene, 30-year-old James and two others entered the house to find the occupant.

He told MK NEWS: "I went in barefoot with two others to try and rescue her. We had to remove the washing machine and found her under loads of bricks. We bundled her out together and then she went to hospital.

"In the 10 minutes after the incident I have never seen so many cops, it was like a Hollywood film."

Afterwards the rescue workers helped remove shards of glass from James' feet.

More than 100 residents had to be evacuated from the site, many taking shelter at Sycamore Hall in Drayton Road, where an emergency evacuation centre was set up.

Residents were allowed to return to their houses after the area was pronounced safe about 24 hours later.

The woman, 62, has since left hospital and is understood to be recovering with relatives.

A statement from Southern Gas Networks said: "We currently remain on site carrying out a full investigation.

"Until these investigations have been undertaken, it is too early to speculate as to what has happened."

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Immigration raid

HOME Office immigration enforcement officers raided two stalls at thecentre:mk on Friday at 2.55pm. No arrests were made.

Selection box appeal

TODAY is the last day residents can donate to our Christmas selection box appeal. To support the Milton Keynes Food Bank take a donation to MK NEWS' office in Fox Milne or the Community Foundation building in Midsummer House on Midsummer Boulevard.

Poll on bus services

IN AN MKWeb online poll 91 people said they were not happy with the bus services in the city and five said they were. Those who voted no said buses were 'late' and 'unreliable', but others praised the 'good' service.

More trains to stop at station

A TRAIN company has announced more of its services are now stopping at Milton Keynes Central.

MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, welcomed the news from Virgin Trains after campaigning for additional services since his election in 2010.

The Parliamentary Private Secretary to Patrick McLoughlin, said: "I am very glad to see Virgin putting on extra services.

Find out more about the new train services at: **www.mkweb.co.uk**

"While I would still like to see more Virgin services available for MK commuters in the morning and even peak times, this is a welcome step in the right direction."

The extra services are northbound and southbound and will provide better connections to London, Manchester and Edinburgh.

Police pedal bike marking

THE police is joining forces with Milton Keynes Council to put security marks on bikes so they can be found if they are stolen.

From 5-8pm today and tomorrow, officers will be at Milton Keynes Central train station.

Sgt Keith Lavery said: "During the winter months bikes are more likely to be stolen which is why we have decided to do it at this time of year."

In August police scoffed at a Mail on Sunday story that reported Milton Keynes Central was the worst spot in the country for bike thefts.

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Has council gone potty?

I AGREE with your correspondent in last week's issue concerning Milton Keynes Council's claim it has completed its pothole repair programme.

I have reported four areas with a defective road surface in the last two weeks.

I would go a step further than the writer's suggestion of levering council officers out of their office chairs. I suggest they also get out of their cars and onto two wheels, pedalled or powered, then they would really see how badly maintained the roads are.

They would also see the additional hazards such as slippery cast iron inspection covers, often two or three inches below the road level, and frequent changes of surface material due to earlier patchy repairs.

I would offer to take any council officer on a pillion ride around Milton Keynes to prove my point, but no doubt it would be declined on the grounds of 'health and safety'.

John R Armitage
London Road
Newport Pagnell

Steering in the wrong direction with parking

IT WAS a relief to read that at last someone has had the sense to address the parking issue in Milton Keynes (*MK NEWS, November 27*).

At least so says the leader of Milton Keynes Council, Andrew Geary. More needs to be done. Better still, more sense needs to applied.

From the start, creating all those premium parking spaces was not just a myopic ill-thought idea, but downright foolish.

Why would I bother to spend valuable time browsing in shops with the clock ticking at premium rates? The sense (or lack of it) of the council's decision has been highlighted by the lack of uptake in these premium spaces, which has led to the recent U-turn.

I wonder just how much money will now be spent to repaint the spaces and sort out this silly folly of an idea?

MK is a lovely place to live with the shops, gridroads, roundabouts, greenery and all the other quirky bits in between.

It is a crying shame that, sometimes, you wonder what sort of creatures inhabit the offices that spew out some of these decisions that invariably cost and affect us all.

Regarding your story about the new academy opening in Milton Keynes (*'Academy may attract 'too many black kids'', MK NEWS, November 27*).

It will do far more good than bad. Grace Academy will be a very welcome effort, made even better for the fact that it will welcome all and sundry – white, black, Christian, Muslim, Hindu and atheist.

Personally, I am very biased towards its project leader's claim that 'it will be open to children of all abilities, cultures, socio-economic, religious, and racial backgrounds'. And especially that it will be 'an inclusive school driven by Christian values and focused on delivering outstanding education'. This is a very welcome change – for a change!

Will Omordia
Broughton

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Ed's plan is on the ball

THE post-war New Towns have delivered the most sustainable programme of new home building that the country has seen and I would applaud Ed Balls' idea of building 'new towns' rather than just tacking on housing estates to existing communities where they are neither wanted – or have the infrastructure in place to support them (*Bald queries Balls' 'new towns' plans', MK NEWS, November 27*) .

As I understand it the New Towns Act that was used to create MK and many other new towns has never been repealed – so it could be used again by this or a future government.

Councillor Edith Bald is right that new towns are not necessarily a 'quick fix' but we can and have built homes at a much faster rate in Milton Keynes in the past than we are doing at present.

And it would be possible to pick up the pace of new home building in MK again if the money was there to fund the necessary supporting infrastructure.

However, if Cllr Bald thinks that the idea of new towns isn't workable I would ask – what alternative suggestions has she for dealing with the housing crisis in the country?

Paul Griffiths
Sent via email

Why should we pay?

HAS the world gone mad?

Why the couple on the front page of last week's MK NEWS think Milton Keynes Council should be responsible for housing them is utterly beyond me.

If you cannot afford a home for your first son why on earth would you have another one?

I certainly couldn't afford to and would never expect someone else to house my child.

They state they wouldn't live like this if they could afford not too. I'm sure no one would, but the council housing should be only for emergency cases.

They are a two parent family and have no obvious reasons why they shouldn't be supporting themselves. It was their decision to have children and they are responsible for them for the next 20 years.

It is unfair to expect the council and other taxpayers to foot the bill.

Kerry Hall
Milton Keynes

Iain's Monthly Focus

MP talks about domestic violence

THE news that Clare's Law will be rolled out nationwide has prompted city MP Iain Stewart to give his opinion on the steps that are needed to tackle domestic violence. As from March 2014, individuals will have the 'right to ask' and 'right to know' details of their partners' abusive or violent past.

Iain, are you happy with the announcement that Clare's Law is to be extended nationwide?

Yes. It is important news for the victims and loved ones of those suffering from domestic violence.

Some of the most recent figures showed that in 2011-12, 1.2million women and 800,000 men reported an experience of domestic abuse.

However, the likelihood is that many incidents go unreported and the real figure is likely to be much higher. Domestic abuse both physically and psychologically is simply wrong. Clare's Law, which emerged from just one of many tragic cases, will go a long way towards preventing cases of violence.

What other measures are the Government taking to tackle domestic abuse?

There is a lot going on both nationally and locally.

Along with Clare's Law the Home Secretary is planning to have Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) in place by 2014.

The pilot scheme has been a success – since the start of the Home Office-led pilot in Wiltshire in July 2011, 246 DVPOs have been applied for in court, with 208 of them granted.

This will provide further protection to vulnerable victims.

Locally, I have been running a domestic violence awareness meeting with Mark Lancaster for some months now.

The issues raised by community leaders and victims of domestic violence have been fed into Milton Keynes Council's Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy document.

Milton Keynes Equality Council has also launched a year-long campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse.

Do you think these measures will bring down the numbers of incidents?

I really hope so. I am eager the focus is put on prevention and Clare's Law and the Domestic Violence Protection Orders, along with other moves, shows the Government is also concentrating on prevention.

No-one deserves to suffer from domestic abuse. I have full confidence in the police, the Government and the Milton Keynes Council that they are tackling it head on. I hope we see a positive affect from these measures soon.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, or are concerned for someone else, contact MK-Act on 0844 375 4307.

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Entertaining: Woburn Singers and Woburn Sands Band

Lights, music and fun

HUNDREDS turned out to watch as a town's Christmas lights were switched on at the weekend.

Stalls organised by charities and schools were part of the event in Woburn Sands on Sunday.

The Woburn Singers and the town's band got the crowd into the festive spirit with a whole host of carols outside The Institute.

Inside, younger children were treated to a magic show, while the older ones enjoyed the fairground rides.

The event was topped off by the traditional Christmas lights switch-on.

Husband emailed wife suicide note

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A HUSBAND who threw himself in front of a train sent a suicide note via email just five minutes before his death.

Trevor Wilmot, 41, sent the message to his wife, sister and PA shortly before 7.36am on August 21 this year.

Milton Keynes Coroners Court was told how Mr Wilmot, who worked for a business in London, had not shown any signs of stress at his workplace.

The keen cricketer, who was born in Cape Town, positioned himself at the end of platform six at Milton Keynes Central station and waited for a Virgin High Speed train – travelling at approximately 125mph – before stepping off the platform in front of it.

A nearby conductor described how he heard 'a loud bang and saw a suitcase go flying' after the impact.

Coroner Tom Osborne was satisfied no third party was involved in the incident after hearing evidence from the British Transport Police, although no footage of it was captured because the train's camera was not working at the time.

Although the details of the email message that was sent were not read out, the content did sway the verdict reached by the coroner on Thursday.

Mr Osborne concluded: "To return a verdict of suicide I have to be sure that was Trevor's intention.

"As he sent an email just before, I can conclude that he died as a result of suicide.

"This is a common way of committing suicide and sadly it has terrible consequences for train drivers."

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Fish stocks boosted

THERE were 10,000 young fish put in rivers and streams across the area at the weekend.
They included 1,800 barbel in the Upper Ouse at Gayhurst and in Newport Pagnell.

Anti-drink campaign

THAMES Valley Police launched its Christmas anti-drink and drug drive campaign on Sunday. The force will be conducting more cross-border operations than ever before with the aim of reducing the number of alcohol and drug related incidents on roads. See more on this story online at www.mkweb.co.uk

Woman punched male driver

A WOMAN punched a man through the window of his car when he was parked outside a supermarket.

The 31-year-old male was sitting in his vehicle in the car park of Asda in Bletchley at about 5.10pm on Friday, November 15.

He was approached by a woman who then, unprovoked, punched him twice in the face through the window.

The woman, who is white, was of slim build with long blonde hair.

Police have urged anyone with information to call PC Tom Kelly on 101.

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Brave residents pick up awards

MK NEWS speaks to those honoured at a special police awards ceremony

MEMBERS of the public and police officers have received awards for their bravery in a special ceremony.

PCSO Robert Dabnor was among the award winners after he tried to stop a robbery at the Co-Op in Woburn Sands.

Civilian Julie Lockwood helped police officers arrest a man by restraining him and PCs Sarah Jane Cullum and Claire Bowyer were given commendations for trying to save a woman's life.

PCs Richard Armitage and Graham Northall were also awarded for their bravery and ingenuity after they tried to save a man's life, while off-duty police officer Lucy Talbot stopped at a road accident to give CPR to a man injured in a crash.

Barry Halliday, Local Policing Area (LPA) Commander for Milton Keynes, said at the ceremony on Thursday: "I would like to thank each and every one of you for making a contribution so significant that an award has been granted to you."

Passersby stopped suicide

Heroes: Jon Hill and Kelan Wright with their bravery awards

FOUR members of the public were commended for their bravery during the Thames Valley Police ceremony.

They helped stop a man from committing suicide by grabbing his legs and waist when he was hanging himself from a tree.

Kelan Wright, 19, and Jon Hill, 20, were walking in Great Linford when they saw a man making a noose with some rope.

When they asked him what he was doing they were told to go away, but after getting cash out of a nearby machine they heard a cry for help and ran to the man's aid.

Kelan, who works at McDonald's, held the man by his waist while Jon, a shoe shop employee, managed to get the man's legs on his shoulders as they rushed to save his life.

Kelan called 999 and called out to them for help on speakerphone while trying to keep the man alive.

Robert Jackman and Edward Yabsley also helped, including getting a knife to cut the rope, while PCs Bruno Clanfield and John Hayle gave him first aid because he was unconscious when they managed to get him down.

"People shouldn't really get rewarded for this sort of thing, it should be what people do anyway," said Kelan.

"I didn't think, I just acted and it was great to hear that the man is still alive."

'Heroic' Sarah foiled bank robbers

ONE of the people awarded an LPA Commander's Commendation award helped prevent a bank robbery.

Sarah Brackett, *pictured right*, was strangled, pushed and threatened during the attempted robbery at the Nationwide Building Society in Bletchley.

Three masked men entered the bank in January and after binding two employees together, they forced the rest of the staff at the building society to the floor.

That was when they noticed Sarah had a large bunch of keys and tried to use her to get cash for them.

But despite being assaulted she kept calm and because of her actions Nationwide did not lose any money and nobody was seriously injured.

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University trains air crash teams

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A UNIVERSITY near the city has trained those working on the scene of the helicopter crash in Glasgow.

Scottish police took part in one of the courses offered by Cranfield University that train people how to collect evidence at crash scenes just two weeks before the disaster that has left nine people dead.

Professor Graham Braithwaite is head of transport and safety engineering at the university and runs the accident and investigation course used by Air Accident Investigations Branch (AAIB) and police.

He went to Scotland to train officers who are now using the skills they learned at the scene.

The Police Scotland helicopter crashed into the Clutha Vaults pub on Friday at 10.30pm and the scene is now being analysed by AAIB.

Professor Braithwaite gave expert advice to MK NEWS as to why families may be waiting a long time for answers.

For more on this story: www.mkweb.co.uk

Cranfield University: Graham Braithwaite in his helicopter gear

He said: "One of the reasons this investigation may take some time is because there was no voice recordings from the aircraft before the crash so investigators will have to read the physical evidence and safely extract the computers on board.

"It is a slow and painstaking process of thinking through every next step so no evidence is lost.

"Family members want information quickly but they also want it to be accurate."

The six-week course run by the university is the only one of its type in the country.

It teaches students how to safely analyse evidence from a scene and how to work with witnesses and victim's families.

Professor Braithwaite added: "After the course the police wrote to say how helpful it was but hoped they would never have to use it."

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Heartbreak after thieves take ring

Heartbroken: Elizabeth Koomson with a picture of her late husband Robert Young

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A WIDOW is calling on thieves to return her dead husband's wedding ring after they stole it from her home.

They also took Elizabeth Koomson's wedding and engagements rings and other jewellery including two watches when they broke into her Westcroft house.

The 53-year-old's husband, Robert Young, died from heart failure in December last year aged 69.

She said: "When my husband was gone part of me had gone and that ring was the only thing I had to remember him with and I just want it back."

Miss Koomson, who had only moved into the area in September, had left her rings at home because of her hands-on job as a carer.

She added: "The sad thing is the rings are going to be scrap value and my husband worked hard to buy those for me.

"I would be so happy if the rings were returned."

Miss Koomson has been scared to answer her door since the thieves smashed their way into her home.

They broke the glass in the rear patio door between 12.30pm and 9.30pm on Friday, November 22.

Police are keen to talk to an adult who was with a child in the area at the time of the incident.

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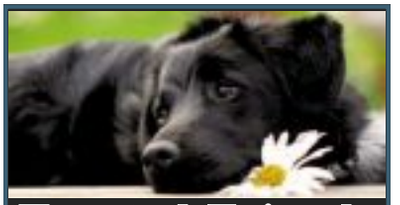

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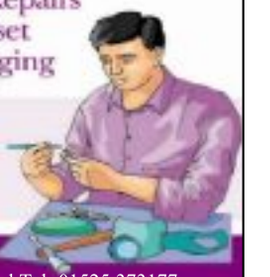

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Claire Kennedy, head of fundraising at MacIntyre, said: "The grant from HSBC has given our Milton Keynes appeal a huge boost."

Royal to honour volunteer Paula

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A VOLUNTEER will receive royal recognition when she receives an MBE for her services to visually impaired people on Friday.

Paula Suchy, 51, from Eaglestone, will visit Buckingham Palace after being nominated for the honour by the services she is involved with.

Paula, *pictured below,* is chairman of Milton Keynes Readers Service, which helps blind people throughout the city.

She is also the deputy chairman of Sound News MK and also volunteers for Bucks Vision.

Paula, who is clinically blind, says she 'can't wait' to receive the accolade and is hoping that it will be the Queen who hands out her award.

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Railway society back on track

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Dennis Lovett, chairman of MKMRS, said: "Fortunately we found a suitable home and can concentrate on railway modelling again."

Enthusiasts: Members of MKMRS at their Bletchley base

Hoping to 'rebuild' Buszy relationship

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A PARISH councillor wants to rebuild the relationship between residents and a youth centre following a row over noise.

Peter Todd was one of several Loughton residents who complained about late night noise at The Buszy in Elder Gate.

As a result, Milton Keynes Council's sub-licensing committee decided to review its premises licence and The Buszy started an online petition fearing it could be forced to close.

On Wednesday last week councillors agreed live music will not be permitted at the centre in any outside areas after 8pm Monday to Sunday.

Now Cllr Todd, who is chairman of Loughton Parish Council, wants to build bridges with The Buszy and improve the relationship with residents.

He said: "I believe that some residents may be displeased that they can still play music until 8pm, but hopefully this will start a new relationship with The Buszy. We have invited them along to the next Loughton Parish Council meeting and they have agreed to come and hold discussions."

Denise Davis-Boreham, chief executive of Make A Difference (MAD) which runs The Buszy, said: "We may lose a bit of income, but it's a lot better than not having a licence at all."

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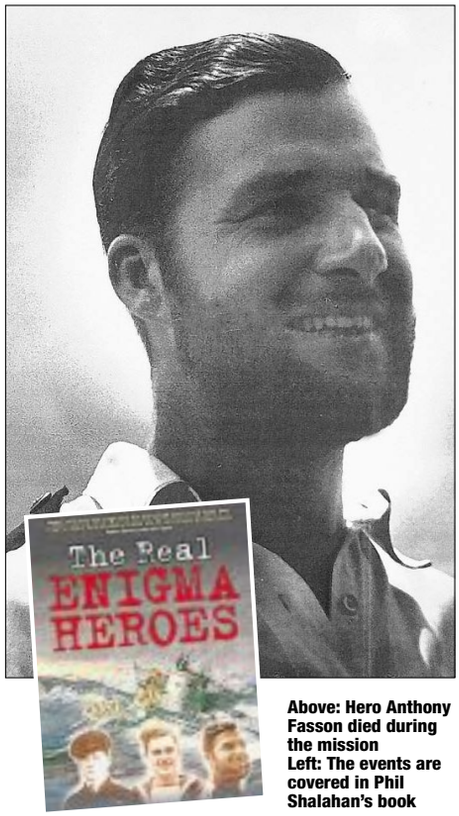

Above: Hero Anthony Fasson died during the mission
Left: The events are covered in Phil Shalahan's book

BY JAMES AVERILL
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ON OCTOBER 30, 1942 destroyer ship HMS Petard was called to depth-charge a German U-boat that had been spotted 70 miles north of the Nile Delta.

The ship's mission was to capture the U-boat.

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When the U-boat, U-559, had been hit, Connell was ordered to lead a party onto the sub.

But he was ordered to step aside by Fasson, who dived in and boarded the U-boat with Colin Grazier and Tommy Brown.

Fasson lost his life in order to pass back confidential records and codebooks to a sea boat manned by Connell. Fasson had in the process spared the life of Connell, who went on to write a book about the experience.

Now 71 years later the mission is being re-enacted at a British Military Tournament in London this weekend.

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HMS Petard: The ship was given the mission of sinking U-559 to help Bletchley Park codebreakers

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He said: "It was a shock because neither of us knew until we talked about our relatives. But I'm sure granddad would be delighted that the two families have been united."

The military re-enactment will be all the more accurate thanks to Phil Shalahan's book, The Real Enigma Heroes, which Dan has paid tribute to for piecing together the events that were shared by the two families.

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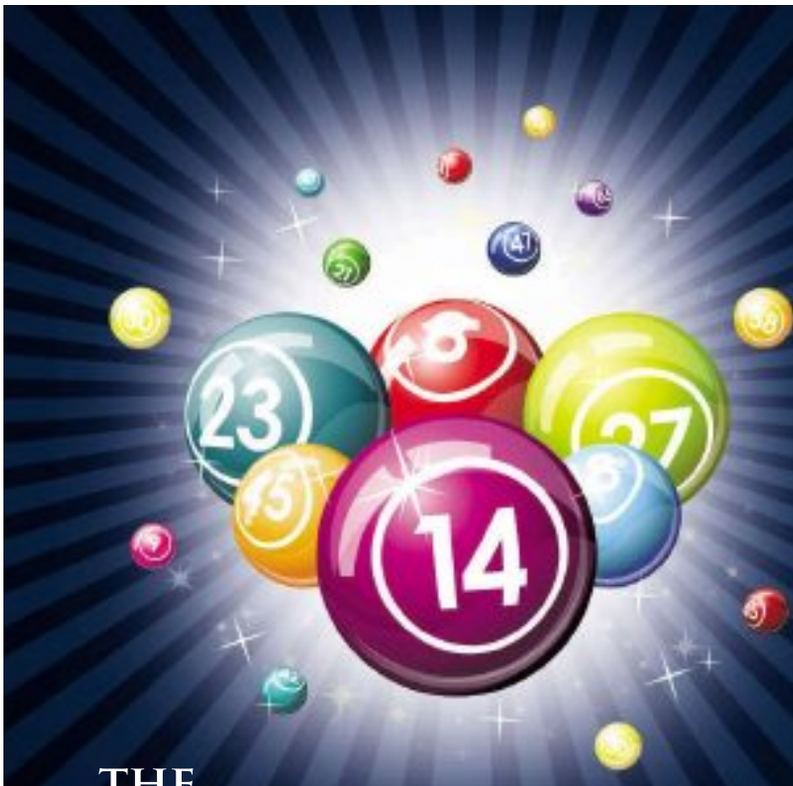

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Robbery rise is 'expected' says top cop

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE city's top cop has said a 'slight spike' in the number of robberies is to be expected in the run-up to Christmas.

But Det Supt Barry Halliday said the amount of overall crime in the city is down compared to last year.

"People may have more possessions on them than usual as we approach Christmas and Milton Keynes is no different than any other city," he told MK NEWS.

"We have seen a slight spike in robbery related offences but we are making good progress on this.

"We have also stepped up patrols both overtly and covertly to reduce crime."

Figures from Thames Valley Police show that the number of violent crimes this year has fallen by six per cent compared with 2012.

Violence also dropped by four per cent in the final quarter of 2013 compared with the same period last year.

The amount of burglaries has also been reduced by 23 per cent from 2012.

"There is consistency in the reduction of these figures and we want to ensure our residents are safe as we approach this vulnerable time, added Det Supt Halliday.

"Crime in general remains significantly lower in Milton Keynes for an area of its size."

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Helping hand: Tony Manni's ball has raised cash for Alzheimer's Research

Fundraiser has a ball for charity

A BLACK tie ball raised more than £14,000 to help people suffering from Alzheimer's.

Tony Manni, who owns Wilton Hall in Bletchley, decided to hold the ball at the venue to raise cash for Alzheimer's Research UK because his mother Ada, 84, suffers from the condition.

He said: "Mum doesn't recognise me anymore, but we were so close and that's why I wanted to raise money for pioneering dementia research in her honour."

Gym fits bill for Olympic legacy

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN OUTDOOR gym trail is being planned at a lake to help get people in the city fitter.

The trail around Caldecotte Lake will also pay homage to the London Olympic legacy of getting more people active.

The £12,000 project by Walton Community Council and The Parks Trust will include eight pieces of equipment dotted around the south of the lake and if the project proves a success, there are plans to roll it out around the entire area in the next five years.

The scheme is the brainchild of Walton Community councillor Jamie Tamagnini-Barbosa, who said: "Gym memberships are very expensive so if you can't afford that you can use this.

"We want to encourage fitness and wellbeing."

Among the equipment people will be able to use will be a cross trainer, leg press and a rowing machine, which will be at the end of the one-mile trail. This will be a double rowing machine, which means members of the public will be able to use the trail with a friend, as well as use it on their own.

Working it out: Councillor Jamie Tamagnini-Barbosa next to Caldecotte Lake where there are plans to build a gym trail

There are also plans to use exercise machines that are suitable for disabled people.

The trail, which is expected to be built by April 2014, has been funded by the council and private investment.

There are still opportunities for companies to sponsor some of the equipment.

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Alan on the ball at conference

JOURNALISM students at Milton Keynes College interviewed MK Dons star Alan Smith at a special press conference at the Silbury Campus.

The 33-year-old former Manchester United and Leeds ace answered questions about his career and whether he would go on I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here.

Journalism lecturer Jon Boyle said: "It's great for our students as it gives them the experience of a real life press conference."

Read the full story online: www.mkweb.co.uk

Interview: Alan with journalism student Liam Andrews

Police arrest a man after blaze at home

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MOTHER and her son managed to escape a fire in their home, which police believe may have been started deliberately.

Police are appealing for information following the blaze, which started in the doorway at the property in The Glebe, Lavendon, at about 12.30am on Saturday.

The fire spread quickly into the hallway, burning the door and a curtain.

The occupants, a 21-year-old female and her 18-month-old son, managed to escape the house.

Neighbours then helped to put out the blaze.

A 25-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life.

He has been released on police bail until January 8.

Investigating officer, Det Con Alan Purkiss, said: "This is a very serious incident which could have been fatal had the victim gone to bed.

"I am appealing for anyone in the area that knows anything about this fire to come forward."

Anyone with details can call Det Con Purkiss on 101.

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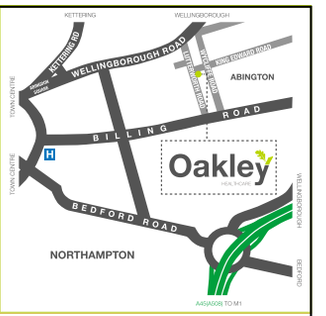

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Hut to help festive party-goers After8

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SAFE hut has been opened in the city centre to give first aid and hand out water, flip flops and condoms to party-goers.

Located outside Xscape, the hut will be manned by St John Ambulance volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays from 11pm-4am during the festive period.

It will also be open on Thursday, December 19, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve – some of the most popular dates for festive parties.

Last year, 550 revellers visited the hut with 52 treated for things such as head, hand, eye and foot injuries, concussion and bleeding noses.

A total of 34 casualties were dealt with on site saving trips to A&E and about £3,000. There were 32 fewer ambulance call outs, saving about £2,500.

There were also 228 pairs of flip flops, 714 condoms and 660 bottles of water handed out at the hut run by After8, which promotes MK's nighttime economy.

Melanie Beck, spokesman for After8 and city centre manager, said: "The hut can only operate through the good will of volunteers, After8 partners and a limited budget, but in its fifth year it has certainly proved its worth."

This year MK NEWS are supporting the hut and editor Cally Jenkins said: "This is a brilliant way for volunteers to help keep party-goers safe over the festive period."

Other supporters include Milton Keynes Council, Thames Valley Police, the Theatre District, MKCCM, SaferMK and SPS.

Safety first: *From left*, Karen Wadle (SPS), Carmel Blyth (MKCCM), Colin Widerspin (SaferMK), Melaine Beck (MKCCM)

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Lions roar into Dons academy

BY JAMES AVERILL
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TWO young footballers who were part of a junior team rescued from the brink of collapse have been selected by MK Dons.

Children and parents of Newport Pagnell Lions U9 team were horrified when it transpired their coach, Simon Brown, had collected £1,995 for a football tour abroad, but instead had spent it on himself.

Starved of funds and a kit to play in, MK NEWS featured an article appealing for help.

And Milton Keynes Freemasons came to the rescue, offering a £1,200 donation and buying the team a new playing and training kit.

Now members of the St Peter and St Paul's Lodge, based in the Masonic Hall in Wolverton, will be sponsoring Tom Davison and Eeshan Patel, both aged 10, as they train with the MK Dons advance SET 1 academy.

The two youngsters now have the chance of playing against young prodigies from the likes of Arsenal, as well as finally taking a tour abroad, visiting Holland with the academy.

Tom's mother, Jo Davison, told MK NEWS she was 'glad the boys still have the desire'.

Freemason Tim Freeman, 43, added: "We are extremely proud of the way the two boys have put their problems behind them and focused on improving themselves. These two young players are sporting heroes in our book."

For more on the Freemasons, visit www.buckspgl.org

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On the ball: Freemason Tim Freeman with Tom Davis, *left*, and Eeshan Patel

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Voice of Christmas: Gareth Malone at Amazon in Milton Keynes, where he visited to promote his new album. He also took part in beat a gift-wrapping speed challenge, but couldn't beat the record time set by One Direction's Louis Tomlinson

Gareth in fine voice

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE star of a hit television show has visited the city to promote his new album.

Gareth Malone gave a surprise visit to workers at Amazon for an exclusive signing of his album Voices.

In high spirits, the star of The Choir helped wrap the first wave of customer orders of the album and even took part in a celebrity gift-wrap challenge.

He said: "The real reason we've come here is because last year One Direction came to Milton Keynes and wrapped presents really quickly. Quite frankly we think we can beat them. I've got the skills."

However, Gareth and his choir colleagues Rebecca Widdicombe and Andrew Mott fell well short of Louis Tomlinson's record of wrapping a present in 15.9 seconds - with the choirmaster scoring 33 seconds.

He told MK NEWS that he was happy at the increasing number of choirs in the UK and didn't rule out starting one at Amazon.

"I bet there's some talent here at Amazon, maybe if I come back I can start a choir," he said.

"There has been an upsurge in the number of people joining choirs over the last few years because of the incredible opportunity to showcase them on BBC Two."

Speaking at the end of his trip to the city on Wednesday last week, he added: "I've had a great day and it's been really exciting seeing piles of my album stacked up at Amazon ready to be sent out for Christmas

"It's really got me in to the festive spirit!"

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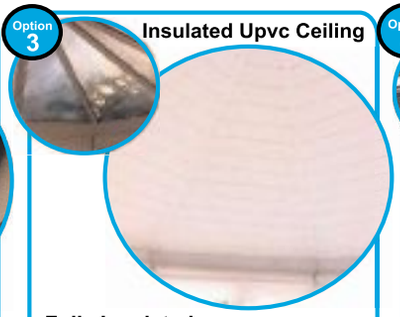

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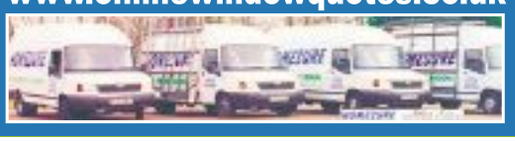

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MK BUSINESS

Karina has buying gifts wrapped up

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN ENTREPRENEUR has launched a website to help people buy the perfect present for Christmas – and put an end to receiving unwanted gifts.

After encountering problems while sorting out present lists for her daughter's birthday, Karina Thomsen, 40, came up with the idea of Wishagift, which enables someone to create their own list online.

"The idea came last year when my family, who are dotted across the country, asked for lists for birthdays and Christmas," she told MK BUSINESS.

"I felt it had all become too impersonal, sending an email with links for gift ideas, checking who had bought what and then forwarding the list on – I felt there had to be a better way.

"I also heard from fellow mums who kept boxes of unwanted gifts to re-gift. It's just such a shame that the gift was not suitable in the first place!

"In today's IT driven world we can fix all of this and make that particular experience much more personal.

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"You can also use 'surprise me manager' which means that your friends see what other people have bought for you but you can't. We've thought of everything!"

The website went live on November 15 and already Karina, who was born in Scandinavia but now lives in Great Linford, said it is starting to get noticed.

She said: "The feedback has been amazing. We have more than 100 users already without any promotion of it really and we're just hoping that word of mouth can create a snowball effect.

"We certainly hope to have about 10,000 people using it by Christmas in 2014."

Karina has previously worked as a marketing manager for Apple UK, as well as at Sony and Mercedez-Benz.

But she always wanted to create something from scratch and Wishagift is the first idea that is 'all her own'.

"I helped launch the iPod and iTunes and that was an amazing experience," she said.

"But I had always been working on other peoples' projects and I wanted to do something myself and make my own brand."

To find out more about the website, visit www.wishagift.com

Christmas wish: Karina Thomsen has launched an online gifts list

Chamber calls for rates freeze

MILTON Keynes Chamber of Commerce is calling on Chancellor George Osborne to freeze business rates for the next two years in his Autumn Statement tomorrow.

The chamber says thousands of companies across the city are affected by 'spiralling business rate bills', which prevent growth and slows down the recovery of the local economy.

It is joining the British Chambers of Commerce campaign by urging the Chancellor to carry out an extensive review of the current business rates system and to reform the framework by 2015.

Business rates are paid by occupiers and owners of commercial and industrial properties to their local authority but at a rate set by the Government.

Companies have already had to absorb the 2.6 per cent rise in April 2013, which followed a 5.6 per cent increase in 2012 and a 4.6 per cent rise in 2011.

Paul Griffiths, chief executive of Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, said: "Business rates hit companies of all sizes long before they a make profit and it acts as a drag on business growth and investment.

"They are fixed no matter the stage of the economic cycle, company performance or ability to pay. Companies have had no choice but to absorb these annual increases.

"We need a new framework that is fair, more flexible, transparent and responsive to changes in the economic environment.

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4CM's ranking was given in the latest annual B2B Agencies Benchmarking Report, produced by B2B Marketing magazine.

As well as being commended for growth, the firm ranked within the top 15 B2B PR Agencies league table, highlighting its specialist expertise in the area.

Nick Brooks, founder and managing director of 4CM, said: "Being named one of fastest growing B2B marketing and PR agencies in the UK tops off what has been a highly successful year for 4CM. In 2014 we're planning to develop our specialist digital and video offering.

"We're also aiming for continued growth in the technology sector, which is where our expertise lies and where we excel."

Top 15: Nick Brooks is delighted with his company's achievements

THE BENEFIT OF REGULAR PENSION REVIEWS

If you have a pension other than a guaranteed one such as an annuity or a final salary one from which you are already taking an income, how often do you review it?

Well in my experience very few people regularly review their pensions unless they have a financial adviser. In fact many people don't even know who their pensions are with let alone how much they are worth, how they are performing or how much is being deducted in charges. Their apathy towards pensions is truly surprising but also worrying. If you recognise yourself as one of these people don't be surprised. You are in the majority.

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Well if you are not regularly reviewing your pension then your apathy could cost your financial health dearly in much the same way as my dental health suffered from my apathy.

Tony Byrne
Chartered and Certified Financial Planner
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The benefit of a regular pension review is that you can review the performance of your pension, make changes where required e.g. fund switches, make sure you remain on track regarding your retirement goals, review your income needs, consider switching your pension to a new provider etc.

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Firm working with academy

A CONSTRUCTION company has called for greater engagement between education and businesses as part of a national initiative to prepare young people for the world of work.

Speaking at an event in Milton Keynes, Paul Drechsler, the chief executive of the Wates Group, joined the Business in the Community (BITC) charity to showcase its Business Class initiative.

Drawing an audience of staff and students from schools from across the UK, the event was held at The Hazeley Academy, with which Wates is currently two years into a three-year partnership to help boost student attainment.

The scheme is designed to match schools with businesses to provide vocational work experience and raise the career aspirations of young people.

Mr Drechsler said: "Supporting education and investing in the vocational skills of tomorrow's workforce is a duty of all businesses across the country.

"Through the work done by Business in the Community and its Business Class programme, we are presented with an extremely valuable means to fulfil some of this responsibility."

Joining forces: Vicky Priestley, executive principal of Hazeley Academy, with Paul Drechsler and Faye Ramsson of BITC

Sorting out parcels will be a 'Doddle' at city train station

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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NETWORK Rail will test the concept of a parcel collection and delivery service at Milton Keynes Central train station.

The dedicated parcel shops, called Doddle, will be open early until late seven days a week to enable users to choose exactly how, when and where they send and receive packages.

There will be an easy-to-use website and advanced touch point notifications through a mobile app, SMS and email.

The service will be the only one of its kind that is available to every retailer, e-tailer, parcel carrier and shipper, creating a network of single points for the collection, return and sending of parcels. This open access approach will also allow the consumer to combine collections and returns from multiple retailers into one trip at a time that suits them or coincides with an already planned journey.

Peter Louden, project director, said: "Our initial conversations with both leading retailers and carriers have been extremely positive with many indicating a desire to become an early adopter."

The initiative is designed to generate additional revenue which can be reinvested in the railway and provide a convenient and accessible service for those making 1.4billion journeys by rail every year.

Following more than 12 months of research and monitoring, Network Rail has decided to initially test the concept at MK's station with its 3,000 employees, who are based at its headquarters nearby, because of its close proximity to a number of key delivery operations.

The company plans to eventually introduce the initiative into all of its mainline stations to capitalise on the online retail market.

Further trials are planned at London Paddington and Woking stations with others set to take place throughout 2014 once the concept is proven, creating up to 4,000 new jobs.

The new business initiative is a joint venture with leading entrepreneur Lloyd Dorfman, best known for creating the Travelex Group – the non-bank foreign exchange business.

Job confidence at a high

EMPLOYMENT positivity in Milton Keynes is above the national average – according to the second quarterly National Careers Service Job Confidence Index.

The index analyses the state of work and employment prospects and shows that improvements have been driven by unemployed people having a more positive outlook.

Research for the index, which measures overall job confidence and belief among the unemployed, shows that 82 per cent of Milton Keynes residents became more confident, or maintained the same confidence levels in their employment and ability to find work over the last three months, compared with a national figure of 76 per cent.

Among unemployed people in Milton Keynes the job confidence score is 53.7.

Joe Billington, director of the National Careers Service, said: "An increase in confidence is really positive."

New awards to celebrate MK

ACHIEVEMENTS of the city's businesses will be recognised and celebrated next year with the launch of the Milton Keynes Business Achievement Awards (MKBAA).

Presented by Milton Keynes Business Leaders Partnership (MKBLP), in association with Interdirect, the awards will recognise achievement in 10 categories and cover a wide spectrum of activities.

Speaking at the launch of the awards, Philip Smith, chairman of MKBLP, which works to identify and develop strategic interests specific to the business community in the city, said: "We hope that the Business Achievement Awards will go some way to recognising those companies and to raise awareness of the extraordinary talent we have."

The awards dinner will be held on March 20, 2014 and entries will be accepted from Monday when the MKBAA website will be launched. For more details visit www.mkbaa.co.uk

Celebrating businesses: *From left*, Paul Kitchen (Interdirect), David Stratford (Casino MK), Charles Clay (Shakespeares), David Barrett (UCMK, University of Bedfordshire) and Philip Smith (MKBLP)

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MKBUSINESS

Dishing up better standards

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN AWARD-WINNING restaurant manager has come full circle after swapping the high life of Dubai for her home city where she is aiming to restore the reputation of a well-known eatery.

Mellissa Rynn, 33, has run some of the most glamorous bars in the Middle East, including the Left Bank in the highly prestigious downtown area of Dubai near the world's tallest building the Burj Khalifa.

But she has now returned to her home town to take over as general manager of Red Hot World Buffet in Savoy Crescent in the Theatre District.

The restaurant was given a zero food hygiene rating in May, but Miss Rynn says the standards of the kitchen are now of a much greater calibre under new owners and she wants to get customers back.

As well as the kitchen and hygiene side of the business, it is hospitality and customer service which she is keen to promote.

"It's about changing that reputation," said Miss Rynn, who has been in her new post for a month.

"The feedback I've had so far has been amazing and now it's about getting those people through the door."

She says she learned some key lessons about hospitality during her six-year stay in Dubai and Miss Rynn wants to bring what she has picked up back to the Red Hot World Buffet.

Miss Rynn, who has even looked after hospitality at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, said: "I have been very fortunate with my career and I had an amazing six years.

"Seeing Dubai crash and now build itself up again has been a very interesting experience, but I felt it was time to come home.

"For most of my career I have been opening bars and restaurants and in Dubai they are very high on hygiene and customer service, which is what I want to bring here."

Her career highlights include winning the Caterer magazine award for best bar in the Middle East when she worked for the Left Bar, run by Emirates Leisure, in the downtown area of Dubai.

Mellissa spent her final 18 months in Dubai working as a multi-venue food and beverage manager for the luxurious four-star Media One Hotel in the heart of the city, which boasts 260 rooms and seven restaurants.

Red Hot: Mellissa Rynn is working to restore the reputation of the Milton Keynes buffet bar

She had responsibility for managing more than 60 staff, seven restaurants and monthly VIP events for up to 3,000 guests.

She has now swapped that for living with her parents for the time being in Robertson Close, Shenley Church End, before moving in with her fiancé.

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

New centre 'welcomed'

INDUSTRY and commerce firms welcomed the opening of the new Business and Leadership Centre at Milton Keynes College's Silbury Campus. Companies such as Santander, Rapid Sales Solutions and Mirus IT praised the new centre, which offers services ranging from desk spaces for start-ups to bespoke training and engagement programmes.

Offices sold to IT firm

A TRIPLE storey set of offices with car parking at Bassett Court, Newport Pagnell, has been sold by Milton Keynes Council to expanding local IT company, Virtual Programming. The sale of the 1,433sq ft property was handled by Kirkby & Diamond and realised £170,000. Jay Raj of K&D said the premises had become surplus to the council's requirements.

CBRE buys retail units

CBRE Global Investors (GI) has announced the £11.9million acquisition of two retail warehouse units in Winterhill. The freehold units have been leased, one to Wren Kitchens for 10 years and the other to CDS for 20 years. Both are at the shopping destination in Grafton Gate. Michael Ness, UK head of CBRE GI, said: "It presents exciting growth opportunities. MK is predicted to become the 14th largest city in the country by 2031.

Confidence is growing in MK's 'dynamic' economy

THE city's economy is getting better, according to a chartered surveyor.

It has been falling since 2008, but Jay Raj, head of commercial at Kirkby & Diamond, which has an office in North Twelfth Street, CMK, now sees the Milton Keynes market becoming 'dynamic' again.

He says fewer shops are remaining closed, which is stopping the city from a downwards trend.

"In terms of enquiry levels and conversions to completed transactions, certainly since April, there has been a noticeable pick-up, which has helped reduce the level of vacant stock available throughout Milton Keynes," he said.

"It is also helping divert values from their downward trajectory."

He quotes large freehold deals, like the sale of Relaxsan House in Maidstone Road, Kingston, which sold for more than £1million, and the Denbigh industrial unit in Victory Court, which achieved £200,000, as well as many smaller transactions which have helped support start-up businesses.

"We have seen some measure of consistency, which is illustrating the start of a trend that hopefully will encourage developers to act," said Mr Raj.

Confident: Jay Raj of chartered surveyors Kirkby & Diamond believes the MK economy is on the up

"Speculative development has dried up in Milton Keynes because of the reducing demand and the reduction in available funding but hopefully as values continue to firm they will be convinced that development schemes in Milton Keynes are economically viable again."

As well as transactional work, Mr Raj undertakes consultancy and advisory work for clients, whether they are owners or occupiers, and he is seeing increased confidence on both sides.

"Naturally occupiers are now seeking opportunities to secure on-going occupation at currently favourable terms before landlords capitalise on increasing enquiry levels.

"At the same time, feeling more positive about rent levels will influence their decision-making on refurbishment and acquiring more stock in the area."

Although this is an encouraging backdrop to the commercial sector, Mr Raj still remains cautious.

He said: "We are still below the top of the market; through 2012 we were seeing values drop up to 50 per cent on some properties. We are now recovering from that base level but there is still some way to go to achieve the levels last seen in 2007. It's still a buyers' market."

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Gallery looks back to help the future

AN EXHIBITION is taking place at MK Gallery to look into the city's past to help inform decisions about its future.

Inspiring material from the early days of Milton Keynes, including paintings, drawings and models by artists Boyd & Evans, Stephen Gregory and Helmut Jacoby, will be included in the exhibition, as well as submissions by pupils from schools in the city.

Anthony Spira, director of MK Gallery, hopes the gallery's planned expansion will also help influence decisions about the area's future.

He said: "We are delighted that the gallery can play a role in this exciting development and hope that our expansion can make a real difference to the city centre."

A preview and Christmas party takes place tomorrow at 6pm, and there will be two talks on the subsequent two Thursdays from 6.30pm.

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VIKKI Stone's rearranged gig arrives at That Time of the Month in Newport Pagnell on Sunday.

Her Definitely tour show arrives having been cancelled on October 27 and anybody who bought tickets for the original one can go along.

After her smash hit, sell-out Edinburgh show, comedian, singer and musician Stone has embarked on her debut UK tour.

Expect an explosive show full of hilarious stand-up, songs and silliness.

She has been on ITV2's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here... Now, ITV1's This Morning and That Sunday Night Show, BBC3's Britain In Bed and Most Annoying People.

Advance tickets are £8 and can be bought at http://www.wegottickets.com/event/225656.

Tickets are £10 on the door and guests should arrive at 7pm sharp to guarantee entry.

BOB Streatfeild is a ranger at Woburn Safari Park. In his latest column for MK LIFE he talks about the park's bid to help save the rhino and why they are under threat

WE HAD some wonderful news from Save the Rhino International this week.

Having raised more than £8,000 this year at the park for this amazing charity we are the top fundraiser for its Operation Wild campaign.

This means we are given the privilege and honour of naming a male Rhino calf in a Namibian nature reserve. The calf will be given a name starting with the letter A, as their tradition (similar to our naming traditions at Woburn) is to name each calf with the same letter as the mother.

His mother Alison has been seen frequently and the keepers are putting on their thinking caps to come up with a worthy name for the adorable young chap.

This charity is very dear to our hearts as we are home to a small herd of five Southern White Rhino at Woburn.

This species is now listed as 'near threatened' due to the work of conservationists.

At risk from poachers throughout Africa, rhinos are killed for their horn due to the mistaken belief that it cures a number of ailments.

lanternfestival

WOLVERTON Lantern Festival celebrates its silver anniversary this Saturday with a even bigger parade.

The fun starts in The Square in the town at 2pm with outdoor entertainment, including the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Wolverton Town Band, Rock Chorus, a fire show, facepainting and balloon modelling.

There will be a seasonal street market offering handmade Christmas gifts and freshly prepared food.

The refreshment rooms at Foundation House will also host live music from acts including The Last Quarter, Steve Winch, Screaming House Madrigals and others.

A book fair, wreath making workshops and hot treats will also be available at the vanue.

The family friendly lantern parade starts at 4.30pm and will be full of hundreds of homemade and giant community lanterns, stilt walkers, street bands and even Santa on his sleigh.

As well as celebrating its 25th anniversary, the festival will be the final event marking the 175th anniversary of Wolverton Works.

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filmreview

A TRULY entertaining and moving story that shows the origins of our favourite nanny were not-so sugar sweet.

Set in 1961, Saving Mr Banks picks up 20 years after Walt Disney first approached P L Travers about making her famous book, Mary Poppins, into a film.

Tom Hanks sits comfortably as Walt Disney, who is scolded at every turn as he tries to convince Travers to sign over the rights to her book.

Emma Thompson is superb as Travers, who is adamant that Disney will not tarnish her precious Mary Poppins with songs and cartoons.

Thompson's precise comical timing wields terse snipes with every arch of her eyebrow as she effortlessly delivers a true to life character plagued by her past who you can't help but admire.

Flashbacks tell the story of her childhood which are disorientating in places and is let down by a mediocre performance by Colin Farrell.

It's not secret that Travers openly disliked Disney's classic movie and Saving Mr Banks takes us behind the scenes like never before.

Rachael West

★★★★★

WIN a party for seven and a cocktail master class

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TO CELEBRATE the relaunch of Revolution in Milton Keynes, one lucky reader can win a VIP party package worth £250.

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THE Chrysalis Theatre is bringing London's West End to the city with Chrysalismas.

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Leading performers from Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Kiss Me Kate, Chicago, Grease, Billy Elliot and more will perform songs as they did in their roles on stage. Some of the stars performing include Alex Bourne from Kiss Me Kate, **pictured left**, and Jo Gibb from Cats.

The event on Friday and Saturday takes place from 7-11pm. Table tickets have sold out but there are still balcony seats remaining at £10 each, which do not include food and drink. They can be bought at www.ticketsource.co.uk/chrysalismk

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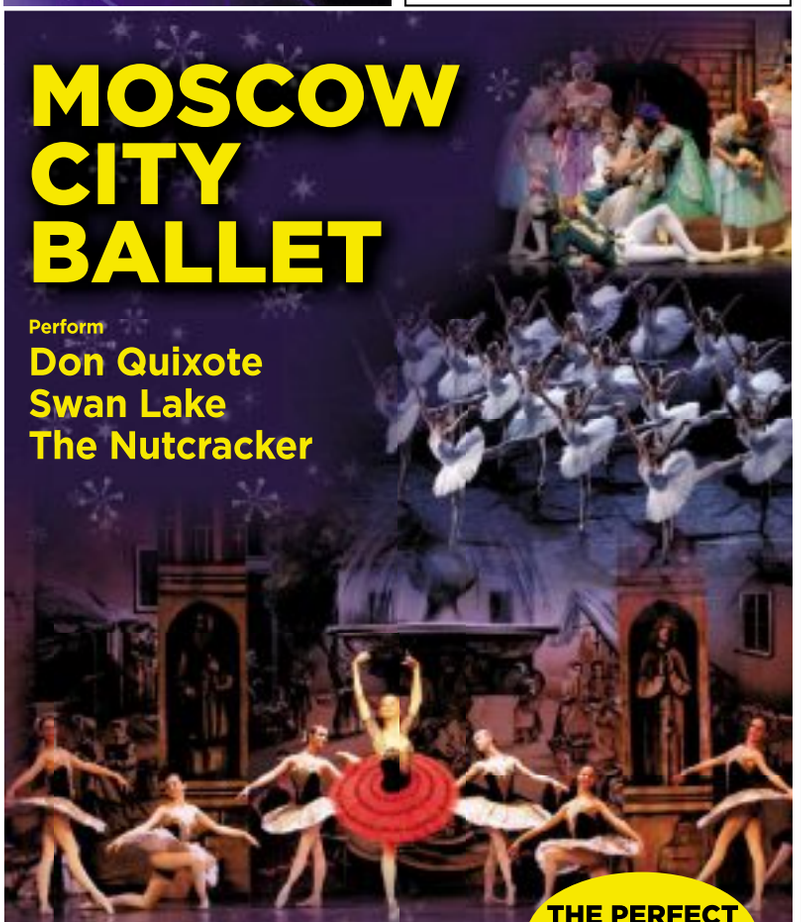

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theagilmore

SINGER-SONGWRITER Thea Gilmore will be coming to MK to perform tracks from her new album Regardless, as well as classic material from her 14 previous releases.

Thea has been called England's best songwriting talent for many years by no less than Bruce Springsteen and Joan Baez.

Her debut album Burning Dorothy was released in 1999 and in 2003 she hit the UK charts for the first time with her fourth album Avalanche. During this period she famously refused to sign to major record labels or work with a famous dance remix team.

Her last eight singles have been A-listed on BBC Radio 2, including the Sandy Denny co-write London, which was used extensively by the BBC in its Olympics coverage. Her new single Love Came Looking For Me was Radio 2's Single of the Week.

She will be performing at The Stables on Monday at 8pm. Tickets cost £20 from www.stables.org.uk or 01908 280800.

online for the full review of the golden house visit our website mkweb.co.uk

goldenhouse

MY GIRLFRIEND and I went to the Golden House Chinese in Bletchley last week, and it was delightful, writes *Scott Kirk*.

Absolutely starving, I plumped for the special curry with prawn toast, while the other half had a special chow mein with barbeque ribs.

We got prawn crackers with our order and they were sensational. I'm not usually a fan as I find them a bit bland. Perhaps my hunger levels were making me taste food better than it ordinarily would, but I thought they were fantastic.

It has been a while since I had a curry and this one was beautiful. As we let our food warm us up on a cold day, the rich sauce complemented the boiled rice perfectly and the prawns, beef and chicken were all cooked to a high level.

I also wasn't expecting eight prawn toasts, which was a lovely surprise.

I was also told that the ribs and chow mein were exquisite, leaving two full bellies.

We usually get a Chinese on Christmas Eve, so I may well visit the Golden House again this year.

fridayfilm

THE 2013 documentary Muscle Shoals will be shown at MK Gallery on Friday.

This magnificently sound-tracked documentary showcases the town of Muscle Shoals in segregationist Alabama, that became an oasis of mixed skin colours and musical styles, and a wellspring of hit records.

The film celebrates Rick Hall, the founder of FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals, and the signature sound he developed in songs such as I'll Take You There, Brown Sugar, and When a Man Loves a Woman.

Tickets for the 111 minute film, which starts at 7pm, cost £5 and £3 for concessions from 01908 676900.

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comedycow

IMRAN Yusuf will bring his lyrical street-slang to Wonderworld in Xscape for Comedy Cow.

Known for his five star reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and his debut on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Road-show on BBC One, Imran promises to leave audiences in stitches.

The show on Friday from 7pm is open to those aged 18 and over. Table seats, including a hot buffet, cost £22 and a booth for six including food costs £150. Theatre seats without food cost £10.

To book visit www.thecomedycow.ticketsource.co.uk

showlegends

DON'T miss the chance to see show business legend Des O'Connor and popular singer Elkie Brooks live on stage at The Stables this month.

Des is one of the world's most popular and best-loved entertainers who is also remembered as the host of Channel 4's game show Countdown. He will be performing an evening of comedy and music on Wednesday, December 11 from 8pm and tickets cost £25.

Elkie Brooks is known for her classic blues and jazz music and will be singing songs from her album Powerless on Saturday from 8pm. Standing tickets are available at £20.

To buy tickets for either of these shows visit www.thestables.org.uk or call 01908 280800.

musicalfeast

A FEAST of music will be held in aid of Milton Keynes Food Bank.

Andante MK will be performing a range of choral pieces for all tastes on Saturday. The group has previously sung at stadiummk and Birmingham Cathedral.

Tickets for the event, at St Mary and St Giles Church in Stony Stratford at 7.30pm, cost £8 for adults and £2 for children. To book call the food bank on 01908 321108.

pantotime

SNOW White and the Seven Dwarfs marches on to the Milton Keynes Theatre stage on Friday.

Leading the fun and frivolity will be Hollywood superstar Warwick Davis as lead dwarf, Prof. He will be joined by Wicked Queen Jennifer Ellison and Kev Orkian, as Muddles.

Tickets for the show, on until January 12, range from £13.90 to £34.90 from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

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PROPERTY NEWS

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Bletchley

RHYEN Jordan Estate Agents is pleased to be the sole selling agent of this three double-bedroom fully refurbished detached bungalow, situated in the popular area of Bletchley's Whalley Drive.

The location is within easy access of Bletchley train station, local shops and amenities.

Some of the benefits of the bungalow include a driveway providing parking for at least three/four vehicles, garage, outbuilding/study and a 94ft rear garden.

When entering the property, you feel the quality and attention to detail that has been adhered to during its refurbishment, from the block paved driveway to the floor to ceiling window at the front and inner lobby area with porcelain tiled refurbished four piece family bathroom.

With modern thinking in mind, the open plan kitchen/diner has been fitted with hi-gloss units and integrated appliances.

This bungalow is a must for internal viewing and is offered for sale for £384,950 with no chain.

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- Separate lounge
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Front & rear gardens
- Off road parking
- Cul-de-sac location
- Viewing a must

MUST BE SOLD

EAST MILTON KEYNES £420,000

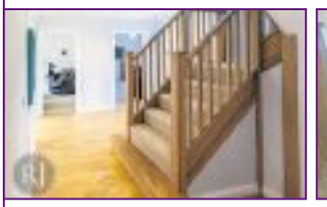
- Executive home
- Four bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Open Plan
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- En suite to master
- Balcony to bedroom
- Garage
- Immaculate
- Viewing a must
- No chain

NO CHAIN

CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION £259,950

- Detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Separate lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility Room
- Conservatory
- En suite to master
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Cul de sac location
- No upper chain

NEW PRICE



MONKSTON PARK **£524,950**

- Detached executive 'Farmhouse'
- Four double bedrooms
- En suite to master bedroom
- En suite to guest bedroom
- Formal lounge
- Formal dining room/family room
- Study (currently used as a boot room)
- Solid oak flooring
- Under floor heating
- 330meg FTTP
- High security off road parking
- No chain

NEW

CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION **£434,950**

- Detached executive family home
- Cul-de-sac location
- Open plan design
- Four double bedrooms
- En suite to master
- En suite to guest bedroom
- Kitchen/family room
- Double garage
- Separate dining room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Utility room
- No chain

NEW

DEANSHANGER **£174,950**

- Terraced home
- Two bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Converted garage
- Office (in garage)
- Cul de sac location
- Viewing advised

NEW

DEANSHANGER **£259,950**

- Detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Separate lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- En-suite to master
- Refitted bathroom
- Rrefitted kitchen
- Off road parking
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- Viewing a must

MUST BE SOLD

SHENLEY CHURCH END **£660,000**

- Executive family home
- Five double bedrooms
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Oakhill **£425,000**

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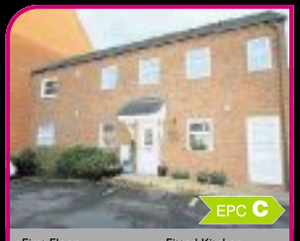
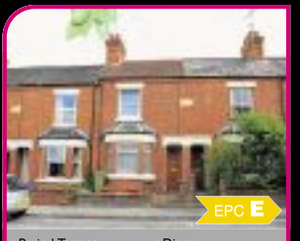
Campbell Park **£320,000**



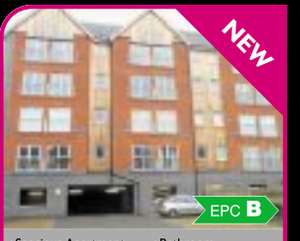
- First Floor
- Maisonette
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Parking
- Shared Ownership or 100% Share Available

Bletchley **£75,000**



- Period Terrace
- Bay Front
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Diner
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

Wolverton **£170,000**



- Spacious Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
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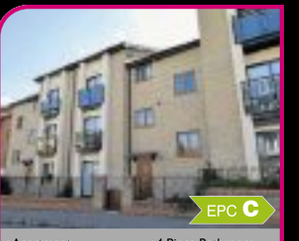
Fenny Stratford **£122,500**



- Apartment
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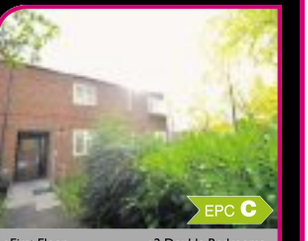

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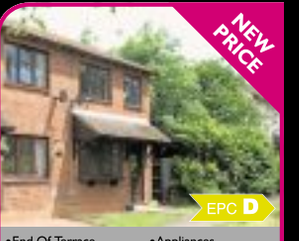

- End Of Terrace
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- Lounge
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- Appliances
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- FEES APPLY

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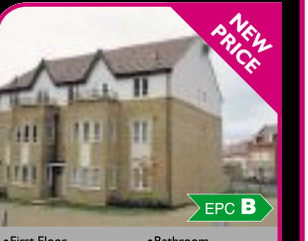

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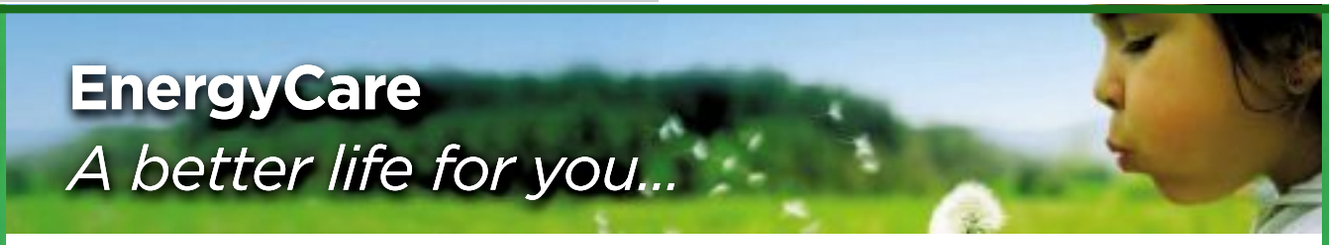

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Closing Date: Wednesday 11th December, 2013 at noon

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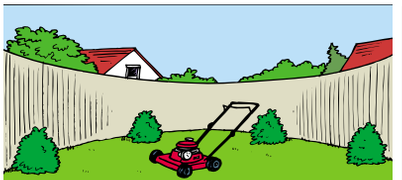

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Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to New Bradwell School (Foundation school), Bounty Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes, MK13 0BQ from 01 September 2015.

Milton Keynes Council intends to increase the current capacity of the school. The proposed alteration will make provision for 90 reception places from September 2015 onwards. Every September thereafter the reception year will be able to admit up to 90 pupils. Therefore by September 2021 the school will have a total of 630 places available over the seven year groups. An extension will be built to accommodate the additional pupils from 2015 onwards.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 408. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:

Marie Denny, Head of Delivery, Setting and School Sufficiency and Access 01908 253935

Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS

Objections and comments may also be emailed to:
School-organisation-planning@milton-keynes.gov.uk

This Notice is an extract of the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marie Denny, at the above address.

Signed: Gail Tolley, Corporate Director, Children and Families

Date: 4 December 2013

Proposed Expansion of Russell Street School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HS intends to make a prescribed alteration to Russell Street School (Community school), Russell Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1BT from 01 September 2015.

Milton Keynes Council intends to increase the current capacity of the school. The proposed alteration will make provision for 90 reception places from September 2015 onwards. Every September thereafter the reception year will be able to admit up to 90 pupils. Therefore by September 2017 the school will have a total of 270 places available over the three year groups. The school nursery class which can currently accommodate 30 children per session will also be expanded to accommodate 39 children per session. This equates to an additional 18 early education places as the school nursery operates 2 sessions a day. An extension will be built to accommodate the additional pupils from 2015 onwards.

The current capacity of the school is 180 and the proposed capacity will be 270. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 180. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:

Marie Denny, Head of Delivery, Setting and School Sufficiency and Access 01908 253935

Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS

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Signed: Gail Tolley, Corporate Director, Children and Families

Date: 4 December 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123, (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent to Great Linford Pavilion, Marsh Drive, MK14 5AX.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 11th December 2013. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

27th November 2013

Civic Offices
1 Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes
MK3 3EJ

APPLICATION TO LICENCE PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

Notice is given that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at the Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 9 December 2013 until Friday 27 December 2013.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes stating their objections by Monday 30 December 2013.

Karen Ford
Proper Officer for Registration

Name and Address of Applicant

Holiday Inn Milton Keynes East
London Road
Moulsoe
Newport Pagnell
Buckinghamshire
MK16 0JA

Rooms to be licensed

Carrington Suite A + B
Pillars Restaurant
Whiting Suite

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Karen Ford
Proper Officer for Registration

Name and Address of Applicant

Wilton Hall
Wilton Avenue
Bletchley
Milton Keynes
MK3 6BN

Rooms to be licensed

Main Hall

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 4 December 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along parts of roads within Milton Keynes and surrounding areas whilst carriageway resurfacing works are being carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will be in force from 9 December 2013 to 9 December 2014, however the closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during these dates, **only** when carriageway resurfacing is required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure. The affected roads are as follows:-

1) Hardmead Road, Hardmead - from its junction with the A422 Newport Road to its junction with Turvey Road (the road will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A422 Newport Road and Turvey Road.
2) Leopard Drive, Pennyland - its whole length (the road will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H4 Dansteed Way, the V9 Overstreet and Sovereign Drive (and vice versa).
3) Church Road, Bow Brickhill - from its junction with the access road which leads to New Wavendon Heath to its junction with the road which links Church Road and Leighton Street.
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Church Road, Station Road, Brickhill Road, the A5 and Church Road (and vice versa).
4) Medale Road, Neapland and Tandra, Beanhill – their whole lengths (the roads will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
   Whilst the roads are closed the alternative route will be via Maslin Drive, Wastel/Dodkin, the V7 Saxon Street, the H8 Standing Way, the V6 Grafton Street, Melick Road and the H9 Groveway (and vice versa).
5) Buckingham Road, West Bletchley – from it's junction with the H8 Standing Way to its junction with Cottingham Grove (the road will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H8 Standing Way, Watling Street, the H10 Bletcham Way, the V7 Saxon Street, Queensway and Buckingham Road (and vice versa).
6) Sussex Road, Bletchley - its whole length.
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way, Shenley Road and Middlesex Drive (and vice versa).
7) Dorchester Avenue, Bletchley - its whole length.
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way, Whalley Drive and Melrose Avenue (and vice versa).
8) Fennell Drive, Conniburrow - its whole length.
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Conniburrow Boulevard, Mallow Gate, the H5 Portway, the V7 Saxon Street and the H4 Dansteed Way (and vice versa).
9) Warwick Road, Bletchley – from its junction with Whaddon Way to its junction with Dover Gate.
   Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way and Warwick Road (and vice versa).
10) Newport Road, Bletchley - from its junction with St Marys Avenue to its junction with the Railway Bridge (west of Beechcroft Road).
    Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Bletchley Road, Whaddon Road, the H8 Standing Way, Buckingham Road and Newport Road (and vice versa).
11) Union Street, Newport Pagnell - its whole length.
    Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via High Street and North Square (and vice versa).
12) Chicheley Road, North Crawley - from its junction with Brook End to its junction with the A422 Newport Road.
    Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A422 Newport Road, the A509, London Road (Newport Pagnell), North Crawley Road and Brook End (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for any necessary access for residents as far as is practicably possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles being driven on operational duties. The applicant will notify residents of properties affected by each closure at least one week before its commencement.

Each temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The Order will come into operation on 9 December 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

4 December 2013

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
1 Saxon Gate East — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, ROOKSLEY) (PROHIBITION OF
WAITING AND RIGHT TURNS) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of roads and areas within Rooksley, Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on both sides of the carriageway along lengths of Deltic Avenue and Patriot Drive.
- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along both sides of the access road leading from Patriot Drive into the car parking area at the B&Q retail store.
- The introduction of a 'No Right Turn' restriction for all vehicles exiting the Central Retail Park car parking area at its junction with Patriot Drive, Rooksley.

Exemptions from the proposed order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 30 December 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-8419-2284.

4 December 2013

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
1 Saxon Gate East — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME
COUNTESS WAY, BROUGHTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 to construct traffic calming measures consisting of 5 sets of 4 speed cushions to be placed along Countess Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes.

All speed cushions will be constructed of super tough nylon RediPlugs and polyester resin. Steel sections will reinforce the construction at either end of each cushion and they will be fixed to the road surface using specially manufactured stainless steel coach screws.

The dimensions of all outer speed cushions will be as follows:-

Length: 3 metres; Width: 1.6 metres; Height: 75 millimetres.

The dimensions of all inner speed cushions will be as follows:-

Length: 3 metres; Width: 1.9 metres; Height: 75 millimetres.

The locations of the speed cushions will be as follows:-

1. From a point approximately 105 metres south-west of its junction with A509 Newport Road, continuing for a distance of approximately 3 metres in south-westerly direction, between the north-west and south-west kerblines.
2. From a point approximately 65 metres south-west of the centre point of its junction with Cranmore Circle, continuing for a distance of approximately 3 metres in south-westerly direction, between the north-west and south-west kerblines.
3. From a point approximately 30 metres south-west of the centre point of its junction with Warwick Avenue, continuing for a distance of approximately 3 metres in south-westerly direction, between the north-west and south-west kerblines.
4. From a point approximately 10 metres south-west of the centre point of its junction with Stirling Mews, continuing for a distance of approximately 3 metres in south-westerly direction, between the north-west and south-west kerblines.
5. From a point approximately 105 metres south-west of the centre point of its junction with Stirling Mews, continuing for a distance of approximately 3 metres in south-westerly direction, between the north-west and south-west kerblines.

A copy of the scheme plan showing the affected road may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and at Kingston Library, Kingston Community Centre, 11 Winchester Gate, Kingston, Milton Keynes MK10 0BA during normal opening hours.

Any representations about or objections to the proposal, together with grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing** to the Interim Head of Legal Services, Legal Services Department, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ **to be received** no later than 30 December 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-8345-2272.

4 December 2013

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
1 Saxon Gate East — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(COUNTESS WAY, BROUGHTON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed order will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along both sides of the carriageway of Countess Way, Broughton.

Exemptions from the proposed order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed order together with a map showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; at Kingston Library, Kingston Community Centre, 11 Winchester Gate, Kingston, Milton Keynes MK10 0BA, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 8 January 2014 quoting reference BAS-P&E-008377-2278.

4 December 2013

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
1 Saxon Gate East — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Central Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/02405/TPO — Tree preservation order consent to fell 1 x Ash tree (G120 - within Block C car park), to be replaced with 2 x Sorbus aria trees at The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley

13/02441/TCA — Notification of intention to fell and remove 1x Laburnum (1), fell and remove 1x Cyprus (2), crown lift 6m 1x Walnut (3), fell and remove 1x Ash (4) and crown reduce to 6m 3x Lawson Cypress (5, 6 and 7) at 35 Olney Road, Emberton, Olney

13/02448/TCA — Notification of intention to remove 1 x Goats Willow (T1) at 3 George Inn Place, Stoke Goldington, Newport Pagnell

13/02461/FUL — Replacement windows at 100 Stratford Road, Wolverton

13/02477/FUL — Prior Notification of change of use from office (use Class B1) to residential (use Class C3 (a) - one dwelling and three flats with car parking and amenity space) at Sandy Mount, Station Road, Woburn Sands

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/02419/FUL — Internal alterations to convert utility room to dining room (retrospective) at 22 Crofts End, Sherington

13/02420/LBC — Listed building consent for internal alterations to convert utility room to dining room (retrospective) at 22 Crofts End, Sherington

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/02432/MKCOD3 — Erection of two storey arts building to the west of the existing school, external alterations to existing school building, erection of additional Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), reconfiguration of existing playing fields (including bunds), provision of additional car parking and landscaping at Denbigh School, Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End

13/02435/MMAM — Minor material amendment to planning permission 08/00126/REM for changes to the boundary wall of Plot 48; due to site levels and wall height on road side to be higher than approved at Land South of Intervet Campus, Off Brickhill Street, Walton

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, BLETCHLEY) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITION OF LOADING) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed order will have the following effect in part of the carriageway within the road stated below:-

- The introduction of 1 disabled persons' parking place along St Mary's Avenue, Bletchley (adjacent to the local shops) so as to formalise the existing disabled persons' parking place, in order to provide a parking facility for blue badge holders only.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the proposed order. Exemptions from these proposals include:- emergency services vehicles, military vehicles for operational purposes, disabled persons' vehicles, vehicles used by statutory undertakers, and for building, demolition and excavation purposes.

Copies of the proposed order, a map showing the affected road, and the Council's Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 30 December 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-8508-2292.

4 December 2013

1 Saxon Gate East — Ifty Ali
Civic Offices — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, OLNEY)
(CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002)
VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Dingleberry, Long Lane and Cobbs Garden, Olney, at their junctions with West Street, Olney.

Additional no waiting at any time restrictions along parts of West Street and Spring Lane, Olney.

The classes of vehicle affected by the proposed Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Olney Library, High Street, Olney and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 30th December 2013 quoting reference WL/P&E/8368/TRO/2275.

4th December 2013

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
1 Saxon Gate East — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDERS ON PARTS OF STRATFORD ROAD, WOLVERTON AND NEWPORT ROAD AND CRANFIELD ROAD, MOULSOE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make two Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this notice, under sections 84(1), (2) and (3) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Orders will affect all classes of vehicle and their effect will be to impose a 40 mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:-

Stratford Road, Wolverton from a point 33 metres west of a point in line with the centre line of its junction with Trinity Road, Wolverton for a distance of 310 metres in a westerly direction to its junction with Great Monk Street and Old Wolverton Road.

The proposed Order will also remove the existing derestricted status on this part of Stratford Road, Wolverton.

Newport Road, Moulsoe from a point 39.7 metres south-west of a point in line with the southern boundary line of number 82 Newport Road, Moulsoe, for a distance of 461 metres in a south-westerly direction.

Cranfield Road, Moulsoe from a point 35.6 metres east of a point in line with the eastern boundary line of number 24 Cranfield Road, Moulsoe for a distance of 620 metres in an easterly direction.

Copies of each of the proposed Orders, maps showing the affected roads and the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton during normal opening hours. Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 30th December 2013 quoting reference WL-P&E-8396/PSO/2281

4th December 2013

Civic Offices — Ifty Ali
1 Saxon Gate East — Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance
Milton Keynes
MK9 3HG

Order Titles

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Stratford Road (Part), Wolverton) (40 MPH Speed Restriction) Order 2014

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Moulsoe) (40 MPH Speed Restriction) Order 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BRIDGE HOOK CLOSE (PART), WOLVERTON MILL)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 4th December 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable works to be carried out, namely works to repair a leaking water service pipe. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of Bridge Hook Close, Wolverton Mill between numbers 25 and 69 Bridge Hook Close . It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Thursday 5th December 2013 to Saturday 7th December 2013, inclusive.

The alternative route for traffic will be via the remaining length of Bridge Hook Close.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

Access will be maintained for residential properties affected by the closure.

Advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected road a few days before the works are due to take place.

The Order will come into operation on 5th December 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

4th December 2013

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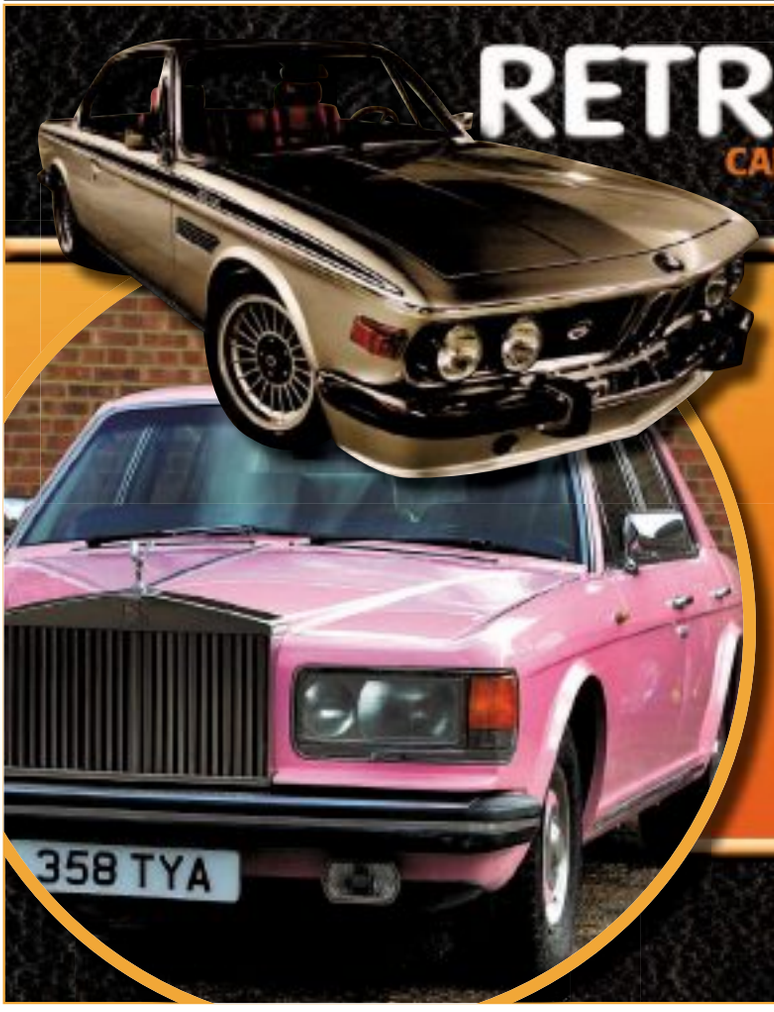

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Skipper admits Dons should be higher in League One table

BY SCOTT KIRK
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DONS captain Dean Lewington says morale in the camp is surprisingly good considering the rough week his side has endured.

The left back also admitted that the side should be higher in the League One table after the Dons slumped to 12th following three consecutive defeats to Bradford, Colchester and Coventry.

"It has been very difficult this week," said the 29-year-old.

"Colchester was disappointing and you expect a response and I think we got that in the first half against Coventry.

"We dominated the whole first half and it's disappointing to say we lost again.

"We just need to find that form and hang on to win games."

Manager Karl Robinson said last week was the toughest he had ever known at MK Dons, but the skipper said he had known more difficult times in the club's shirt, relegation among those.

"I've been relegated with the club so it has been worse but in terms of expectation of where we should be and where we are I think it has been one of the worst," he said.

"But there are still glimmers of light."

The first goal for Coventry in their 3-1 win on Saturday came via a huge deflection off Lewington, and the full back was left to rue his luck as the ball perfectly looped over Ian McLoughlin and nestled into the back of the net.

Sky Blues debutante Chris Maguire then scored two direct free-kicks to complete the win after a Shaun Williams penalty had given Dons a first half lead.

"To be so dominant in the first half and for them to then come out in the second half and score with a deflection like that and with those free kicks just shows where our luck is at the moment," said Lewington. "You play them in six months time and that would have probably gone over the crossbar or sailed into the keeper's hands.

"But at the moment there are those little bits that go against you and when you're struggling that's always the case.

"Those free kicks there's not much you can do. They had just taken their captain off so we felt we had done our job because they had to change the way they play and then the kid sticks two in the top corner.

"Morale is surprisingly still ok. "We're very fragile at the moment but we don't seem to be getting cut open so even though it's frustrating, there are signs that we're not going out and getting sliced open.

"We're not fooling ourselves because where we are isn't good but there are things which are positive, so that gives us hope we can turn it around."

There was a crowd of 14,948 at stadiummk on Saturday – with nearly 7,000 backing Coventry – and Lewington said it was great playing in a stadium so full.

"I would have preferred it if it was all MK Dons fans but it creates a really good atmosphere and you get a better game with a bigger crowd," he said.

"The stadium is designed for these big games and that's what we want here."

Dons players were given three days off after the Coventry game, and Lewington said it was good to get away and come back with a new attitude and perspective on events at the club over the last week.

Saturday sees the Dons entertain Conference South Dover Athletic in the second round of the FA Cup, and the skipper was happy to have a distraction from the league.

"It's a very welcome distraction and we're really looking forward to it," said Lewington.

"It has different challenges to the league and this is a great opportunity to get into the third round and get a really good tie.

"My brother plays non-league and he has played against them before. They've done fantastically to get to round two and you can never write off a team that has gotten this far."

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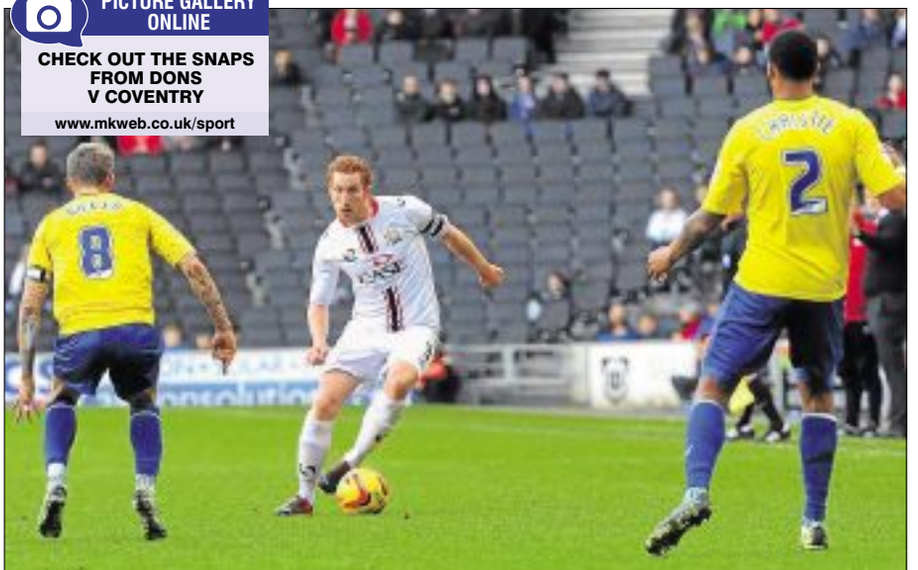

Bad run: A big deflection off Dean Lewington gave Coventry their first goal as Dons lost 3-1 on Saturday, and the skipper believes that luck is not on the team's side at the moment after three straight losses

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IT has been a very tough week this week.

We knew it was going to be a difficult week but to come away with nothing is disappointing.

Obviously we didn't get the points return we were after but it's about sticking together now and supporting one another.

The preparation for the games was very good throughout the week but you get spells like this during the course of a season and now we've got to make sure we get out of it.

The free kicks Coventry scored on Saturday were outstanding but you look at the goal that looped over Ian McLoughlin against Bradford a week last Saturday and then the same thing happens again at the weekend.

It's just not happening for us at the moment and we don't seem to be getting the rewards with the hard work we're putting in.

We've had a bit of a break over the last few days which had been included in the programme six to eight weeks ago, so it was a scheduled break anyway, but I think it will do the lads some good, especially with the Christmas fixtures coming up, which includes a lot of games.

We've got the FA Cup this weekend and I think that the Dover game could possibly be a nice distraction for us.

It'll be nice to get through to the next round and as well as it being a big game for Dover, it's a big game for us as well.

We have a really good group of players here and with the support of everybody things will turn.

It has to turn because the quality within the group is superb.

It has been a tough week but I've had tougher I can assure you!

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Olney Town back to winning ways but NP lose

STRUGGLING Newport Pagnell Town succumbed to a 4-0 defeat at promotion-chasing Deeping Rangers in the United Counties League Premier Division.

Spencer Tinkler set the ball rolling with a 16th minute opener, and Scott Ginty added a second for Rangers three minutes before half time.

There was no way back for Newport after Josh Moreman notched Deeping's third goal after 70 minutes and Scott Bogusz completed the scoring with two minutes remaining.

Olney Town bounced back from a couple of poor home results to pick up a confidence-boosting 2-1 win on the road at Bugbrooke St Michaels in Division One.

Christian Smail's 76th minute opener for Olney was matched by a leveller from Badgers sub Henry Spears, usually a goalkeeper, two minutes later.

Bugbrooke looked set for a first point in nine matches but were undone by a last minute Deanio Bailey-Browne winner for the visitors.

Old Bradwell United lost their Division Two Cup quarter final 3-0 to Kent Athletic in the Spartan South Midlands Football League.

Stony Stratford Town were unable to claw back a two-goal deficit as they lost 2-1 against Wodson Park in Division One.

Pablo Ardiles and Jack Riddle's penalty gave Wodson a 2-0 lead at half time.

Craig McLanaghan pulled one back in the 63rd minute but they were unable to get the equaliser.

In Division Two Willen edged a tight derby game against hosts New Bradwell St Peter in a five-goal thriller.

Darryl Smith and Colin Wynn gave the visitors a two-goal lead but Sam Bearman's penalty made it 2-1.

Tomi Jaiyeola levelled but in the 82nd minute Ryan Guinnane got the winner for Willen.

Wolverton Town lost 3-1 at home to Mursley United.

Goals galore was the order of the day in the New City Heating MK Sunday League. In the Premier League, Scot Wharfside Electrical scored eight without reply against The Garage.

Punjab recorded a 7-1 victory over New Bradwell, while in an epic seven goal thriller Stony Stratford beat Inter Faith 4-3.

Willen battled hard in their 3-1 defeat against Olney while Caz Bar strolled past RJ Fitness 3-0.

In Division Two leaders AFC Santander enjoyed a 4-2 victory over Bletchley Wanderers, Bucks Biz struggled to beat Southcott B 4-3 and improving Newport Albion defeated Buckingham United B 3-2. NHBC beat Stacey Bushes 5-2 and Stantonbury Social Elite saw off IDW 2-1.

In the Knock Out Cup first round Padbury overcame rivals Buckingham United 2-1, Swanfica enjoyed an excellent 3-1 victory over New City Saints, Open University beat Stoke Hammond 4-2 and Stanton Manor beat MK United 6-4 after extra time.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leyton Orient	19	6	2	1	18	7	7	2	1	24	10	+25	43
2	Wolves	19	7	2	1	18	5	6	2	1	14	6	+21	43
3	Preston	19	4	5	1	14	10	6	2	1	14	7	+11	37
4	Brentford	19	6	1	2	16	7	5	3	2	13	12	+10	37
5	Peterborough	19	6	1	3	10	8	5	1	3	18	10	+10	35
6	Rotherham	19	3	5	2	15	14	5	2	2	16	9	+8	31
7	Swindon	19	7	1	2	24	13	2	2	5	11	12	+10	30
8	Bradford	19	4	3	2	19	10	3	5	2	13	11	+11	29
9	Port Vale	19	4	2	3	13	13	5	0	5	15	15	0	29
10	Walsall	19	3	2	4	9	12	4	4	2	11	6	+2	27
11	Coventry	19	6	1	3	23	22	4	3	2	18	12	+7	24
12	DONS	18	5	2	3	18	14	1	2	5	10	15	-1	22
13	Shrewsbury	19	4	4	2	12	7	1	3	5	9	15	-1	22
14	Oldham	18	3	3	2	9	7	3	1	6	14	18	-2	22
15	Crawley	19	4	3	3	10	11	1	4	4	9	13	-5	22
16	Colchester	19	3	3	3	10	11	1	6	3	11	15	-5	21
17	Gillingham	19	4	2	4	12	12	2	1	6	12	20	-8	21
18	Carlisle	19	3	2	4	11	19	2	4	4	8	13	-13	21
19	Tranmere	19	2	3	4	12	21	3	2	5	11	13	-11	20
20	Sheff Utd	19	3	3	3	11	10	1	2	7	6	17	-10	17
21	Stevenage	19	2	1	6	10	17	3	1	6	9	15	-13	17
22	Crewe	19	3	3	4	10	17	1	1	7	5	23	-25	16
23	Bristol City	19	1	5	4	11	15	1	4	4	15	17	-6	15
24	Notts County	19	3	0	6	11	11	0	2	8	7	22	-15	11

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ICE HOCKEY

Lewis out for months

Two defeats: Action from Lightning's game with Telford. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

KEY defenceman Lewis Christie will miss the 'next few months' according to head coach Nick Poole after injuring his collarbone during a dismal weekend for MK Lightning.

The team lost 4-1 against Telford Tigers in Coventry on Saturday and then 4-0 away to Guildford Flames on Sunday, with Christie suffering his injury in the latter match-up.

"I think Lewis might have been the top British defenceman in the league," said Poole.

"He has been an absolute rock for us this season but we will probably be without him for the next few months."

Poole reckons an element of complacency could have crept into his team's game before the Telford loss, with Lightning having beaten the Tigers just 10 days previously.

"We didn't look sharp and it was lethargic from the guys," said the Canadian.

"On Sunday we wanted to see a bit of fight, spark and energy and they gave that against Guildford.

"The first goal was against the run of play I felt and they built on that in the second period."

This weekend was the first time since the back to back losses against Basingstoke Bison at the end of September that Lightning had failed to pick up any points over a weekend.

Blaz Emersic was the only man to score on Saturday as Lightning, with far more talent in their squad, were unable to raise their game.

Against Guildford, Lightning failed to capitalise on an early second period powerplay and that proved costly as Tom Duggan set up Jozef Kohut for the opening goal.

The reiginng English Premier League (EPL) champions went on to get another three goals for the win, before mayhem in the final moments led to a series of penalties for roughing.

Games do not get any easier this weekend for Lightning as they take on Peterborough Phantoms and title-chasing Manchester Phoenix this weekend without six key players.

As well as Christie and Connor Goode out injured, Ross Bowers is suspended for the Saturday game, while Jordan Hedley, Jordan Cownie and Ben Russell have been called up to the Great Britain Under 20 squad.

"We're really proud of these guys," added Poole of the international trio. Lightning are fourth in the EPL.

CYCLO-CROSS

City hosts cyclo-cross

Winner: Ian Field

The city's National Bowl played host to the latest round of the cyclo-cross National Trophy Series on Sunday.

While the current national champion Ian Field proudly showed off his champion's jersey with a dominant return to the British cyclo-cross scene, Team MK youngsters came away with some notable successes.

With more than 350 entrants in all classes of racing, the organisers succeeded in their aim of making the racing at the Bowl some of the toughest of the National Series so far this season, squeezing in a 2.9km circuit that included technical sections and some demanding steps.

While the attention of most spectators was on the senior riders, local interest included Ella-Mae Fereday winning the girls' U10 race, Jude Chamberlain taking home the bronze medal in the U10 boys competition and Skip Snelson winning the older U12 boys' race.

Ahead of the senior men's race, National Series leader Paul Oldham said: "It's a good circuit here in Milton Keynes, nice and hilly but Fieldy is back from racing in Europe."

As early as the end of the first lap a group of eight riders formed at the front of the race with Ben Sumner (Beeline Bicycles RT) leading the riders up the steps for the first time.

But by the third lap, with Field and his Hargroves Cycles/Specialized/Trant team-mates working together and Oldham having suffered a heavy fall, Field was holding back and planning exactly when and where to make his attack.

Once Field came to the front, he slowly but surely with every twist and turn pulled away from the front of the race to eventually win by more than 45 seconds.

In the final lap Steve James put in a final effort to open a small gap to take second place ahead of Roger Campbell-Crawford.

Tom Van Den Bosch made it a clean sweep of the top placings for the Hargroves Cycles riders to take fourth.

Oldham finished in eighth place despite his fall, meaning that he retained his distinctive yellow jersey for leading the series.

RUGBY UNION

Bletchley still top as Olney and MK also win

BLETCHLEY maintained top spot in the Southern Counties North with a 40-3 win at home to Royal Wootton Bassett.

It was Bassett who started the stronger of the two sides, winning early penalties at the breakdown with their positive play, and they took a 3-0 lead after 11 minutes.

This gave Bletchley the kick they needed as Will Garrett scored an unconverted try to put the home side ahead.

Garrett got his second and Kev Turnbull scored on the stroke of half time, both converted by Phil Harman, to make it 19-3 at half time.

As the second half wore on Bassett began to lose their shape and number eight Steve Allen touched the ball down to give Bletchley their bonus point try, with Harman adding the extras to put Bletchley 26-3 up.

Converted tries by Kyle Gibbings and Garrett again, rounding off his hat-trick, completed the 40-3 win.

Milton Keynes got back to winning ways with a 34-22 success at Alchester.

They had lost their two previous league games but the win keeps them fourth, eight points adrift of joint-leaders Bletchley and Aylesbury.

Olney ran out 50-12 victors at home to Rushden and Higham in Midlands Two East (South).

Try-scorers in the first half included Jack Sutton, Harrison Marshall, a Cameron Keenan double and Jon Brice as Olney raced into a 36-0 half time lead.

George Stanton scored a try with Jordan Letts adding the conversion to make it 43-0 just three minutes after the re-start, but Rushden replied with a converted try of their own to reduce their arrears to 43-7.

A converted try for Olney and a try for Rushden made it 50-12 by the end of the game.

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BADMINTON

HUSBAND and wife team Chris Adcock and Gabby White have climbed to a career-best number five in the world rankings after winning the Yonex Sunrise Hong Kong Open.

It means they are now the highest-ranked pair from a Commonwealth nation with Glasgow 2014 just eight months away.

Meanwhile, Chris Langridge and Heather Olver put last week's final disappointment at the Scottish Open Grand Prix behind them when they took the mixed doubles title at the Yonex Welsh International in Cardiff.

England's number two mixed doubles pair, who also train in Milton Keynes, defeated Russia's second seeds Vitalij Durkin and Nina Vislova in the final. The win will ensure they finish the year among the top five in Europe.

England were chasing a second title when third seeds Chris Coles and Matthew Nottingham took on former England player Robin Middleton and his Australian partner Ross Smith in the men's doubles.

Coles and Nottingham made it a double success for England when they won 21-14, 21-17.

Rhys Walker's brilliant run in Cardiff came to an end in the men's singles semi-finals when the 19-year-old from Nuneaton lost to Denmark's number eight seed Flemming Quach 21-15, 21-11.

ATHLETICS

PETER Mackrell was the pick of the performers for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club by finishing fourth in the International Running Challenge in Lanzarote.

The event consisted of two 'ridge runs' over 10k and 13k, a beach run and a half marathon.

Lara Bromilow retained her Inter-Financial Services Cross Country title with a clear win.

Imogen King was seventh in the U13 squad that competed at the Kettering Charity Cross Country Cup, while the best finish by the boys came thanks to Harry Ewing's 20th position.

KORFBALL

HARROW'S first team proved too strong for MK Lakers 'M' who lost 9-7 at the weekend despite a Mark Sanderson hat-trick.

But their second team were easier pickings for M who won 7-4 after taking them on as well.

Lakers W took on top-of-the-table MK Bucks in the evening game and lost 12-8, but they put in a creditable performance.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies' first team returned to the bottom of the table as they lost 2-1 at Hampstead and Westminster 3rds.

A 2-2 draw between Southgate 2nds and Wallingford meant Milton Keynes re-occupied the basement berth.

But it was a much better story for the men's team as they picked up their second success of the season.

They walloped Eastbourne 6-1 - a team that haven't picked up a single point so far this season.

Andy Dixon scored a hat-trick, while others to hit the back of the net included Tom Anderson, Henry Miller and Jan Ochsenchlaeger.

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Stand up and be counted

• Dons boss calls for unity after his 'toughest' week

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MK DONS boss Karl Robinson says the last week has been the toughest he has ever had at stadiummk.

Three defeats in a row have seen the club fall to 12th in League One, with Dons now closer to the relegation spots than the play-offs.

But now is the time for the players, fans, staff and everybody else to stand up, be counted and get behind the club, according to Robinson.

"This is probably the worst week I've had," he said.

"I can't dress it up in any way and it's been as bad as it's going to get and I just don't understand why.

"We've all got to support the players here and a depreciation in attendances won't help.

"This team is connected with the fans and for whatever reason results aren't going our way at the moment.

"Fans can point their fingers at me and hate me and they can voice their opinion because they pay their money but it takes me, the fans and everybody to get us back.

"We've now got a massive job to pick the players up, me internally and the fans externally, and if we want a successful team in Milton Keynes now is the time to stand up and be counted."

The players were given three days off after the 3-1 home defeat to Coventry on Saturday – a scheduled break always made by the club before the weekend of the FA Cup second round – which the Dons are again involved in.

Robinson believes the break before the Dover Athletic tie and some time apart from each other will do the players some good.

"I really do think this break has come at the right time," he said.

"We have it at every time each year and it's a good opportunity for them to gather their thoughts and reflect.

"We've just got to get that luck to turn."

Full-back Jon Otsemobor was loaned to Tranmere Rovers during the week, while striker Izale McLeod has joined up with Northampton Town, and the latter piece of business has left some wondering who will play up front should Patrick Bamford get injured.

But Robinson does not share those worries. He is happy with Alan Smith playing in the role should anything happen to the Chelsea loanee, and also said new loan signing Dale Jennings or even Daniel Powell could fill in the role should Bamford pick up an injury.

Winger Jennings impressed on his debut in the defeat against Coventry but he isn't allowed to play in the Dover match this weekend. Darren Potter is also suspended after picking up five yellow cards this season, which means Dele Alli will be played in a central midfield berth.

Robinson said he tried to sign Jennings in the summer, but he was priced out when Championship side Barnsley offered his club Bayern Munich £250,000.

"I've known Dale since he was 11," said Robinson.

"He's just got to remember to call me Gaffer now rather than Karl!

"I wanted to take him on loan for the season in the summer and I know him inside out.

"I've followed his career very fondly – he's a very gifted boy and I'm looking forward to seeing him play consistently."

Thinking it over: Karl Robinson is enduring his toughest spell as MK Dons manager after three defeats in a row. Picture: Andy Handley

Bowditch faces at least another six weeks out with recurring injury

DEAN Bowditch will be out for another six weeks at the very least as the MK Dons winger continues his recovery from a troublesome groin injury.

The 27-year-old hasn't played a single minute for the Dons this season and his goals and assists have been sorely missed by his side as they slumped to 12th in the table at the weekend.

The former Yeovil Town man is three weeks into an eight week programme to see how his injury progresses, but even after that, he will still need time to build his fitness levels up.

"Bowds is in an eight week programme and if he gets no reaction from that we'll then start taking him out on the pitch," said Dons manager Karl Robinson.

"He's three weeks into that and he's not felt anything yet, which is good, so he's got another few weeks of trying to aggravate things and seeing if he can get a reaction from it.

"Then we'll start getting him on the grass, building his fitness up, and seeing if we get any reaction from that.

"But it's purely a guesstimate with him and I don't want to put any pressure on him.

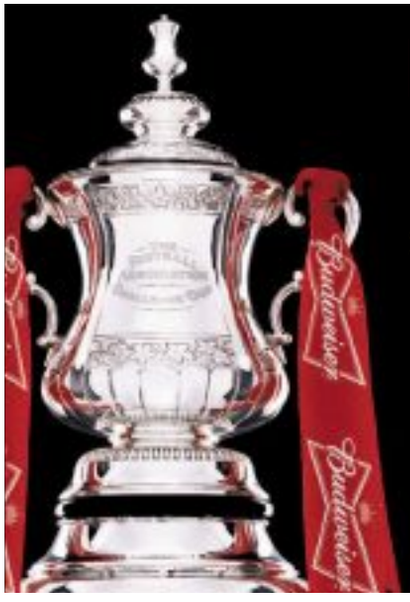
"He is 25 plus for us in terms of assists and goals so he's a big loss and I don't know what we've done to deserve all these injuries."

David Martin (calf) could make a return as goalkeeper for the visit of Conference South side Dover Athletic in the FA Cup this weekend, in place of Irishman Ian McLoughlin.

Meanwhile, centre back Antony Kay is eyeing the home tie against Port Vale on December 21 as a potential date for his return. He has been out after hip surgery.

"We're looking for Antony to train with us again by Monday and fingers crossed he'll come through this week with nothing," said Robinson.

"He has been a massive loss for us this season."



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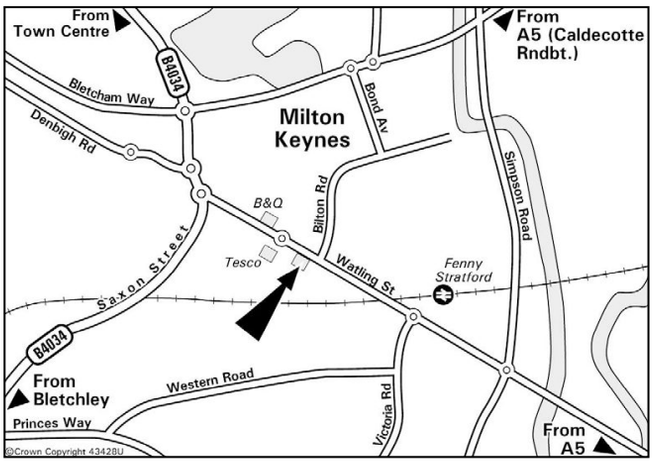

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